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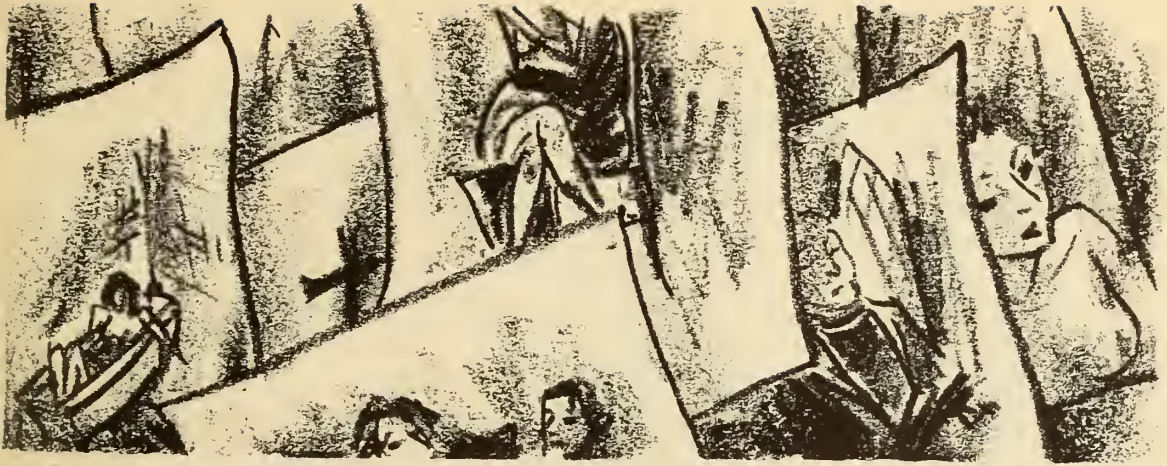
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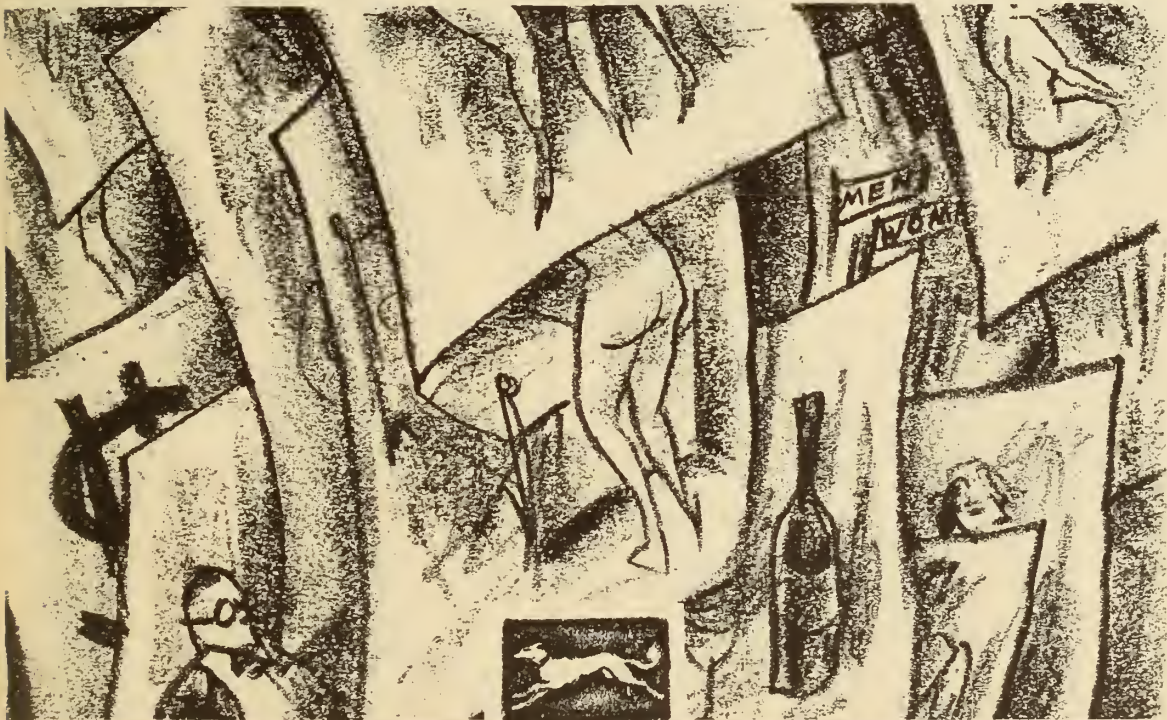
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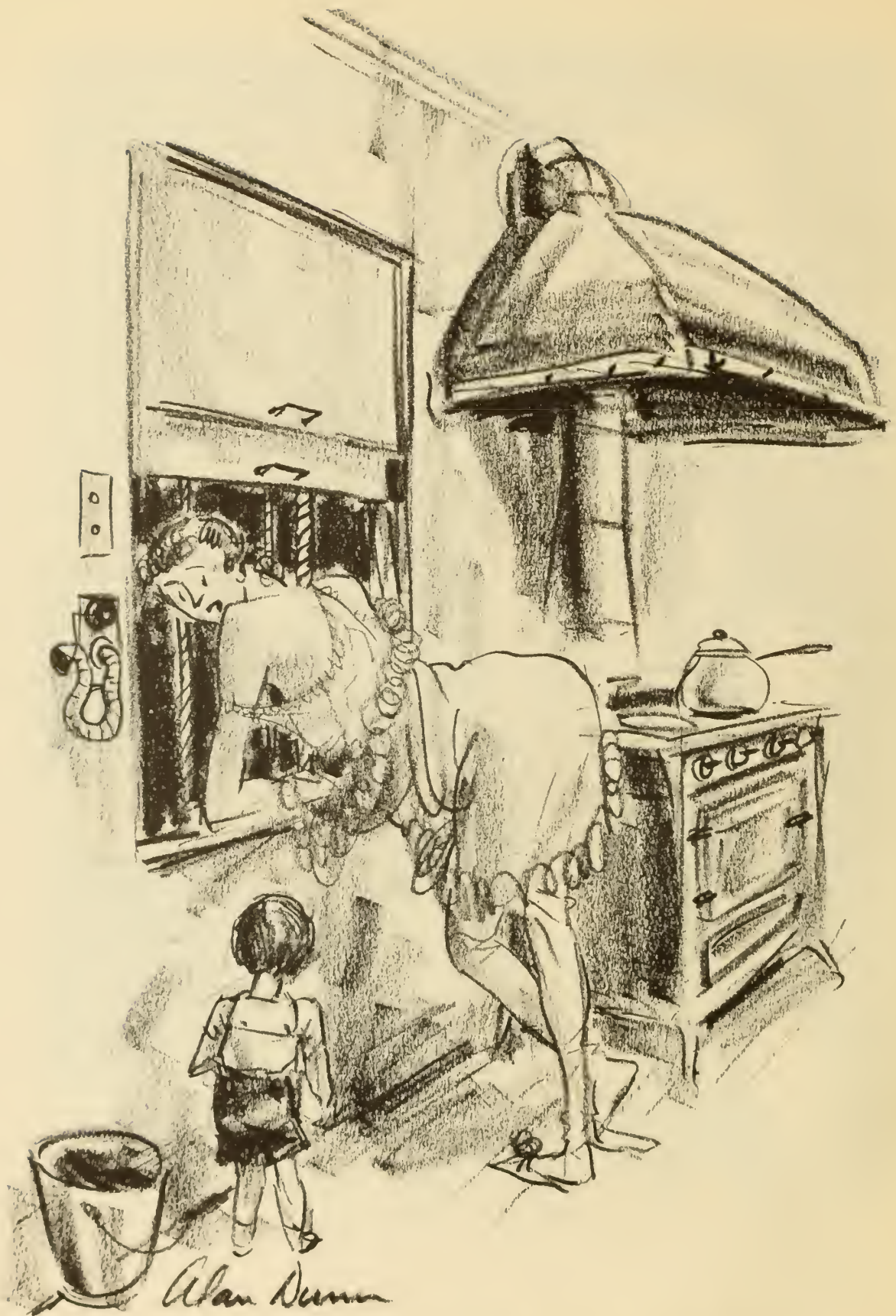
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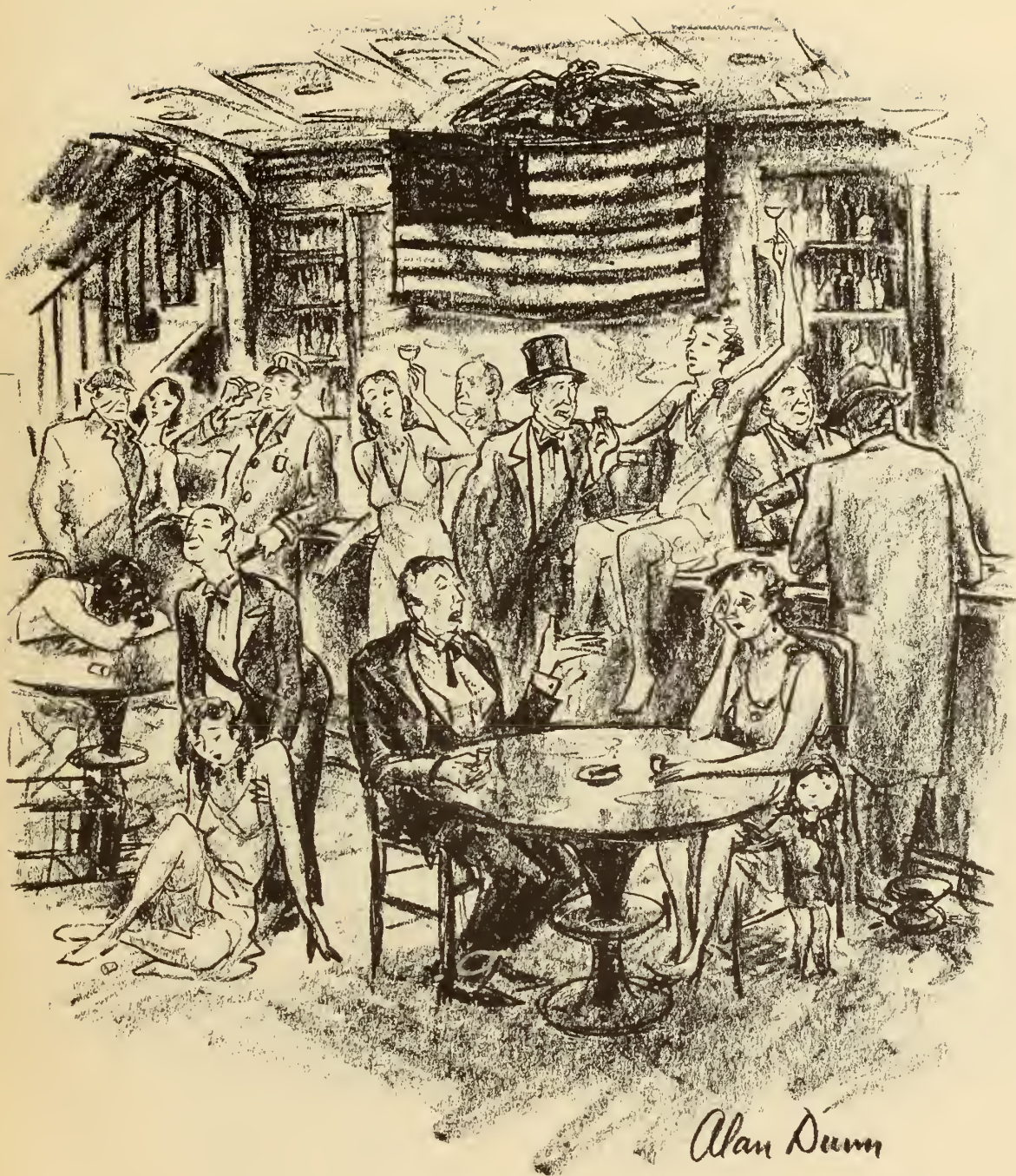


Alan Dunn

"Look! One thousand dollars!!—Dad's going to blow us to a baby!!!"



"Shut up, will you, sweetheart darling—Can't you see Mother is talking to the laundryman about the gin?"

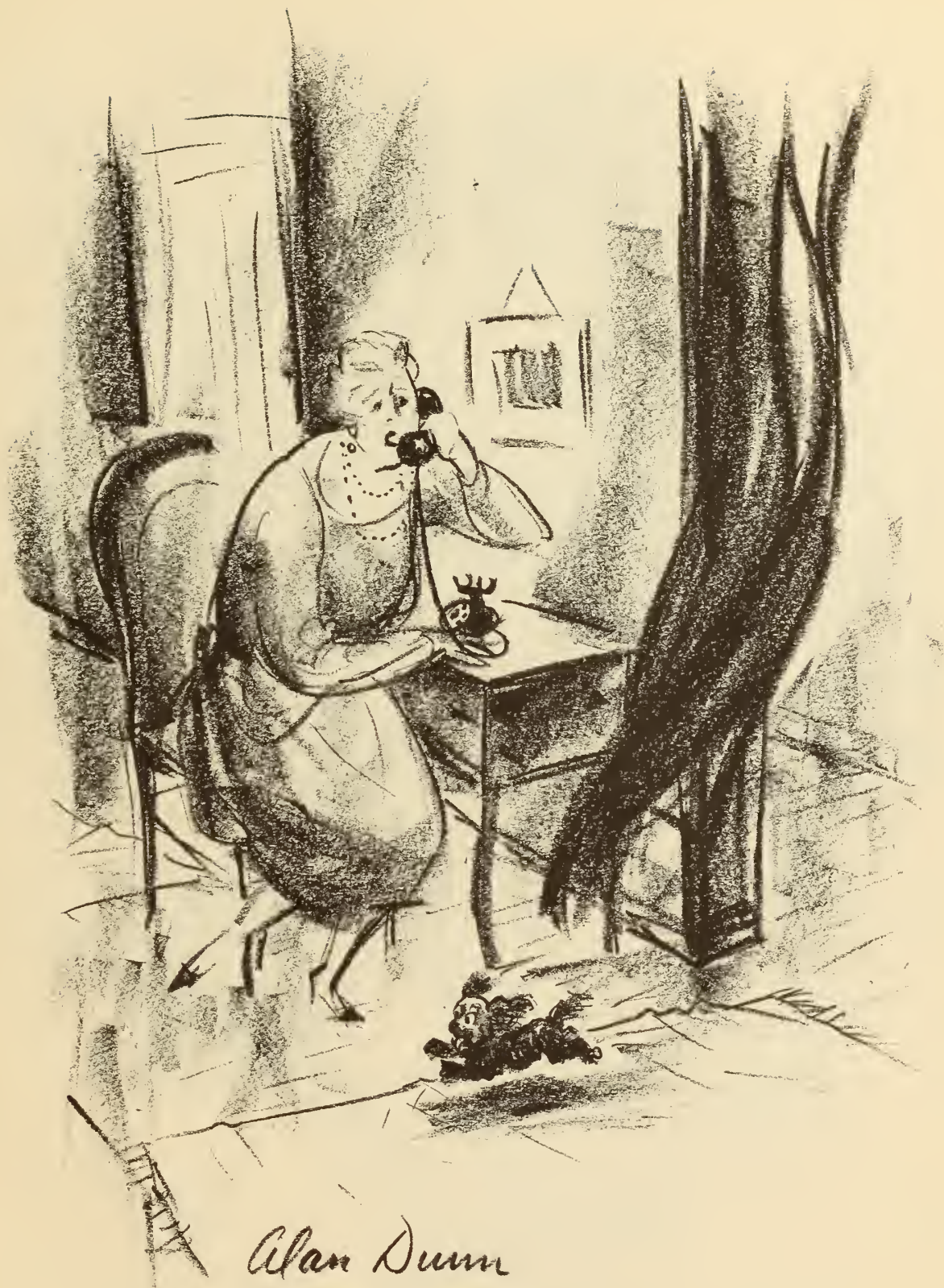


Alan Dunn

*“——of course, if you’re going to appraise Harding in the light
of today——”*



"I might find a place for you in the chorus. Come on, now, let's have a look at the ankle."

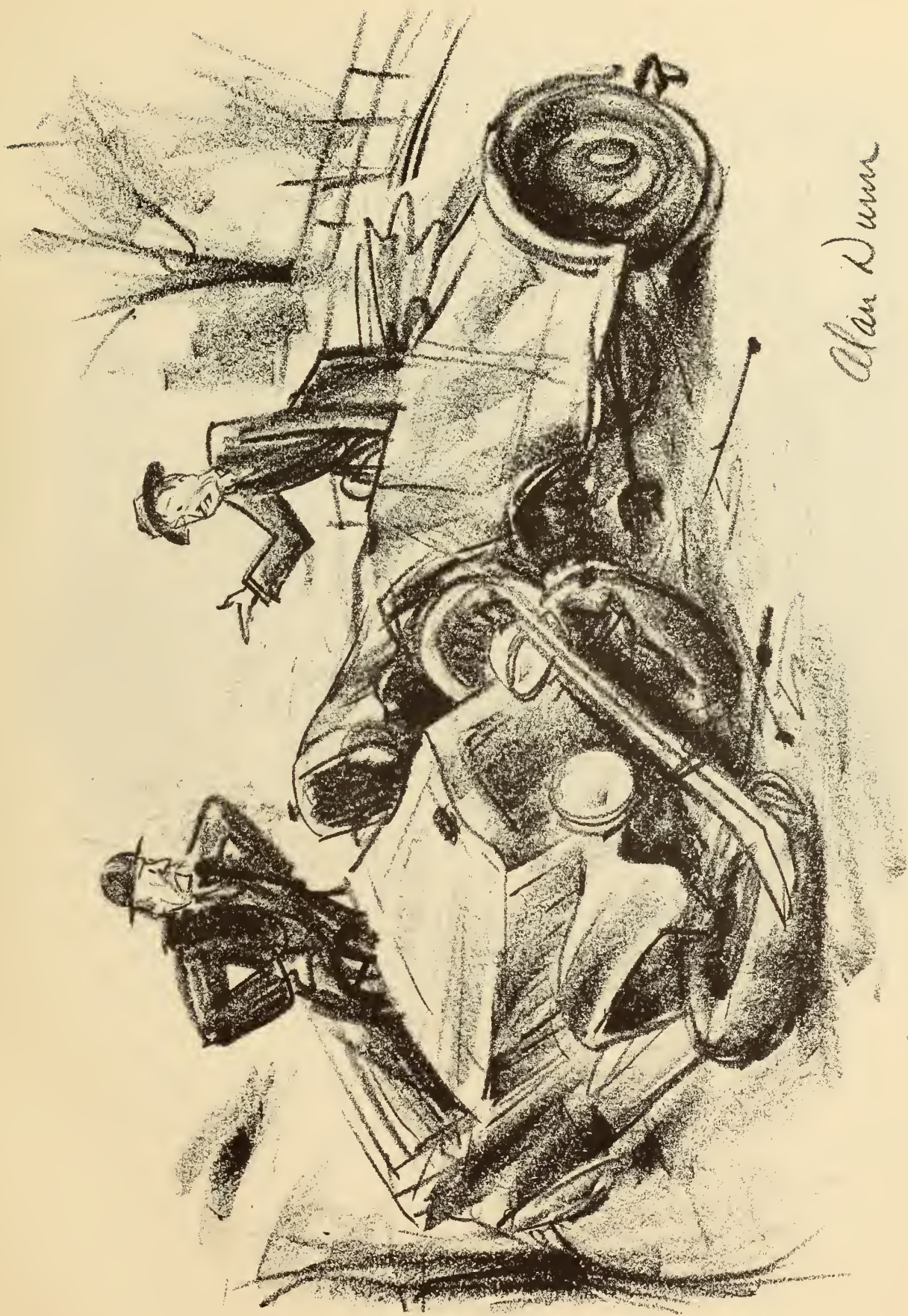


Alan Dunn

"Would you mind cutting short your day, Keith ——— Prince Loyal is on the loose again!!"



*"By God, I'd like to lay my hands on the man who gave me my
only moments of happiness in life!"*



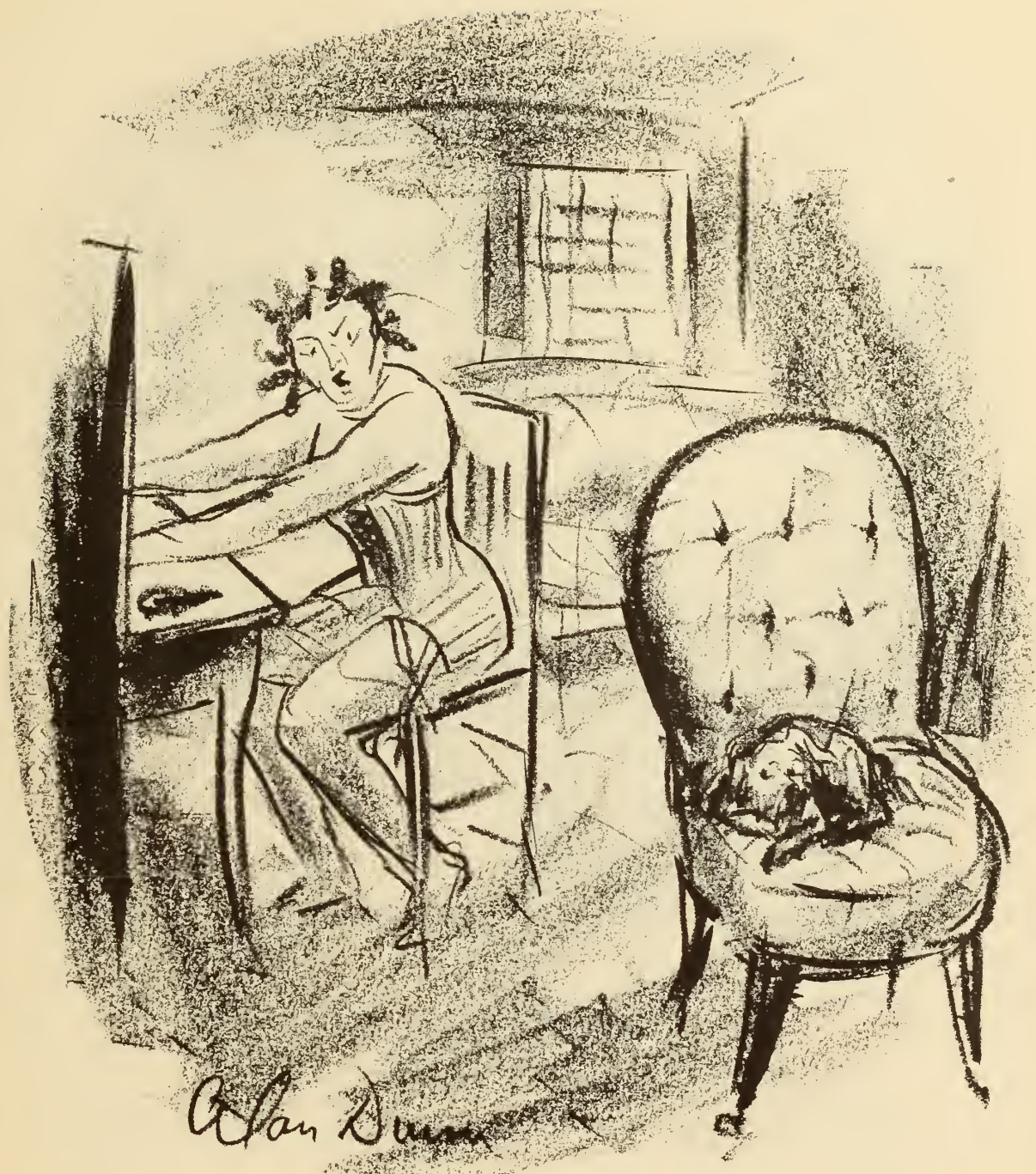
Alan Dunn

“Now if you’d only been drinking too, this would never have happened!”

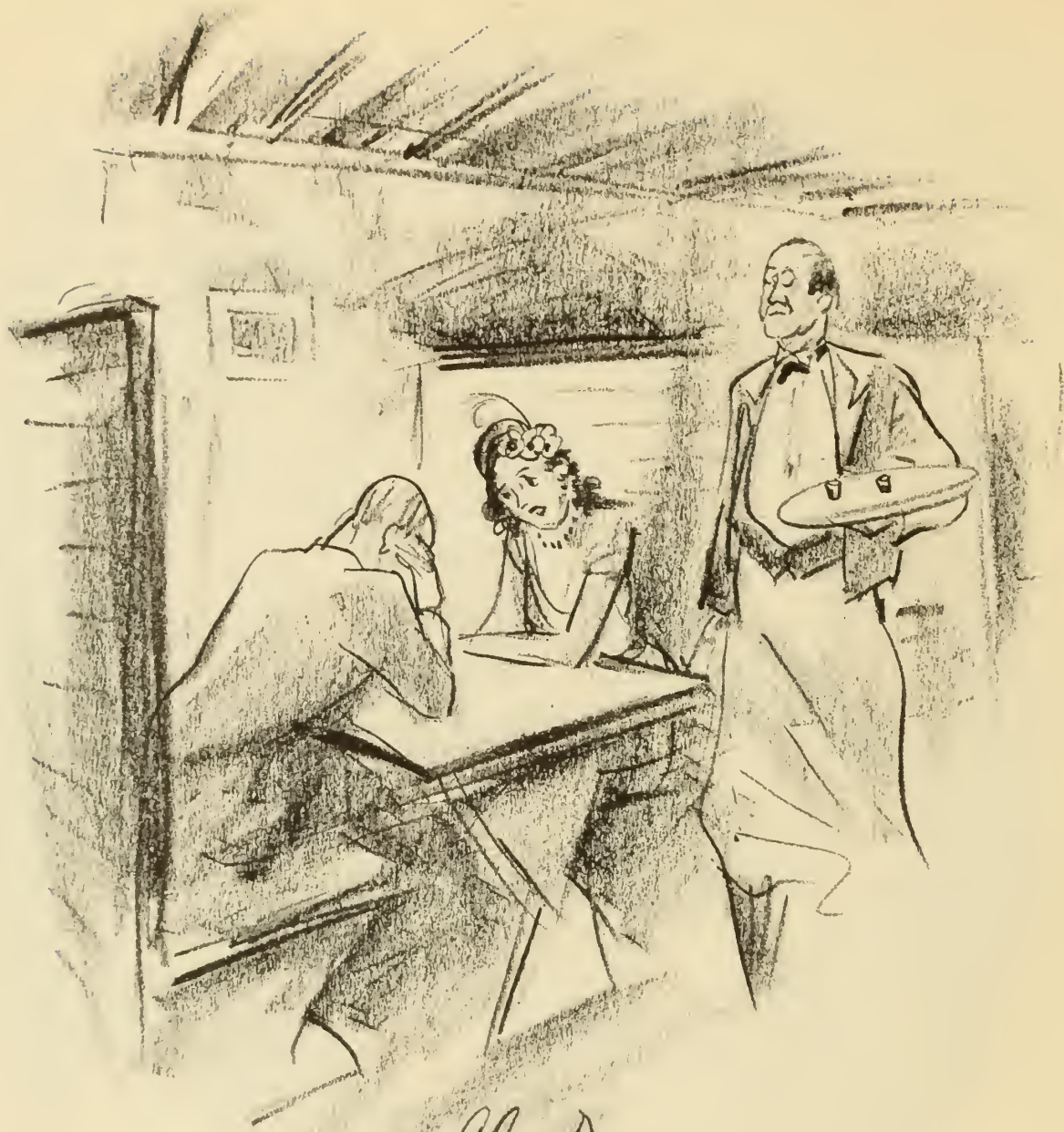


Alan Dunn

"You need a rest. You have been passing through a very upsetting condition of planets."



"Now see here—I'm sick and tired of having you sit there and criticize all day!"



Alan Dunn

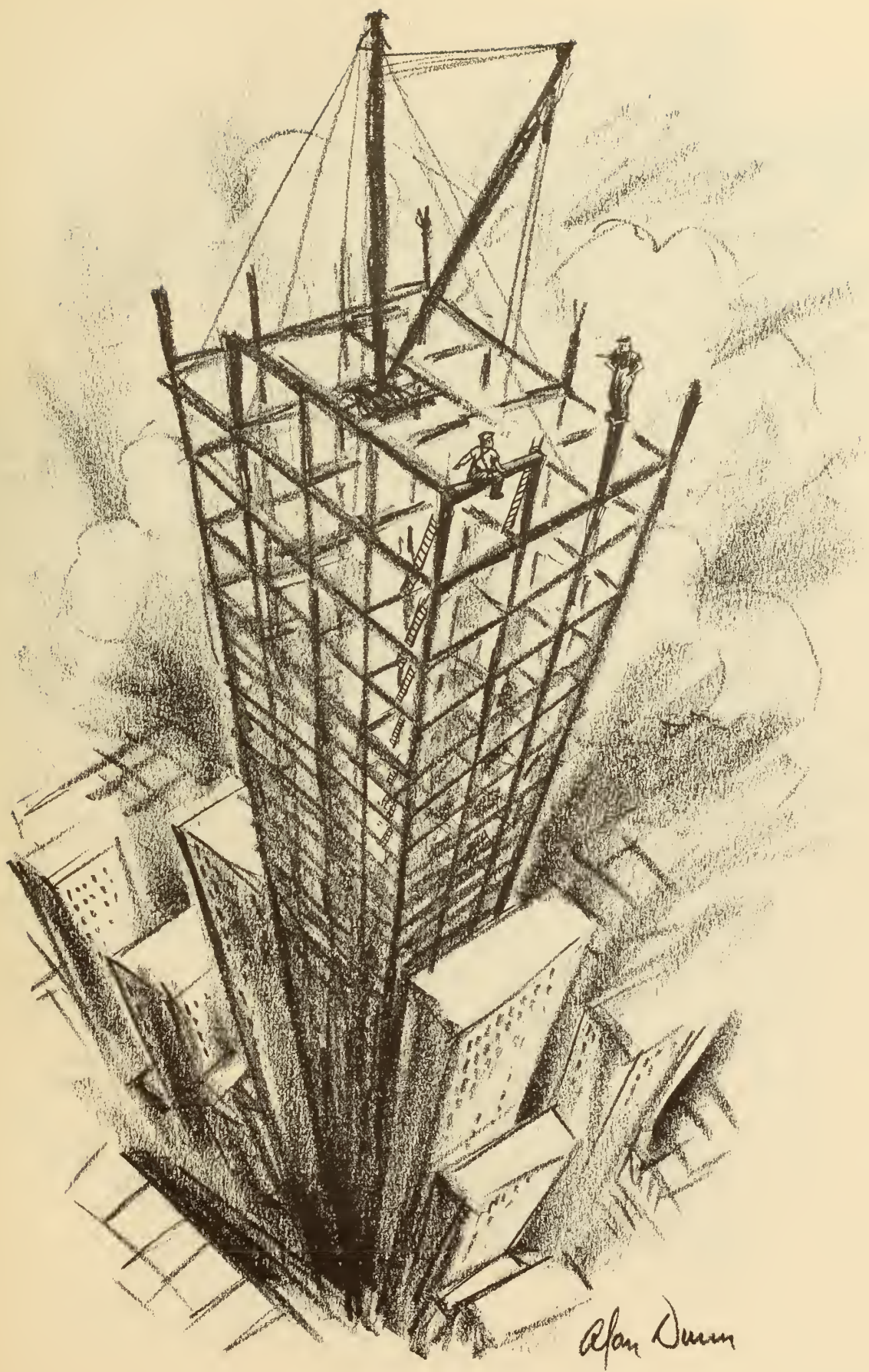
*"I don't want you to feel hurt, dear, but if I do go to hell I feel
it ought to be with Rolph."*



“That was their free special ‘Get-Acquainted’ offer you just ate, dear.”



"You can see what a stupid book this is! Why, according to this, YOU, an alderman, have all the characteristics of the criminal type!!"

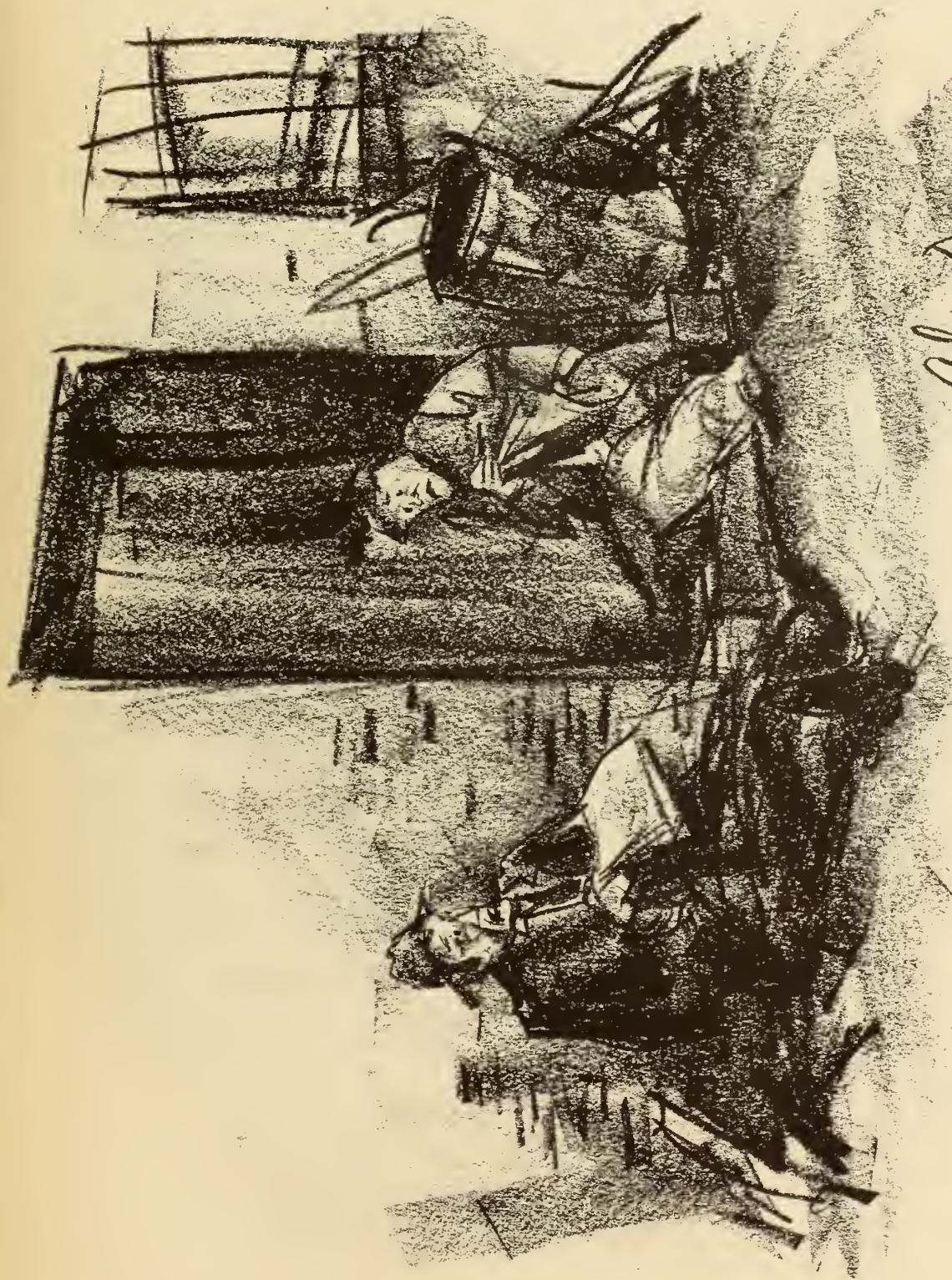


"It's in the basement—third door on the left."



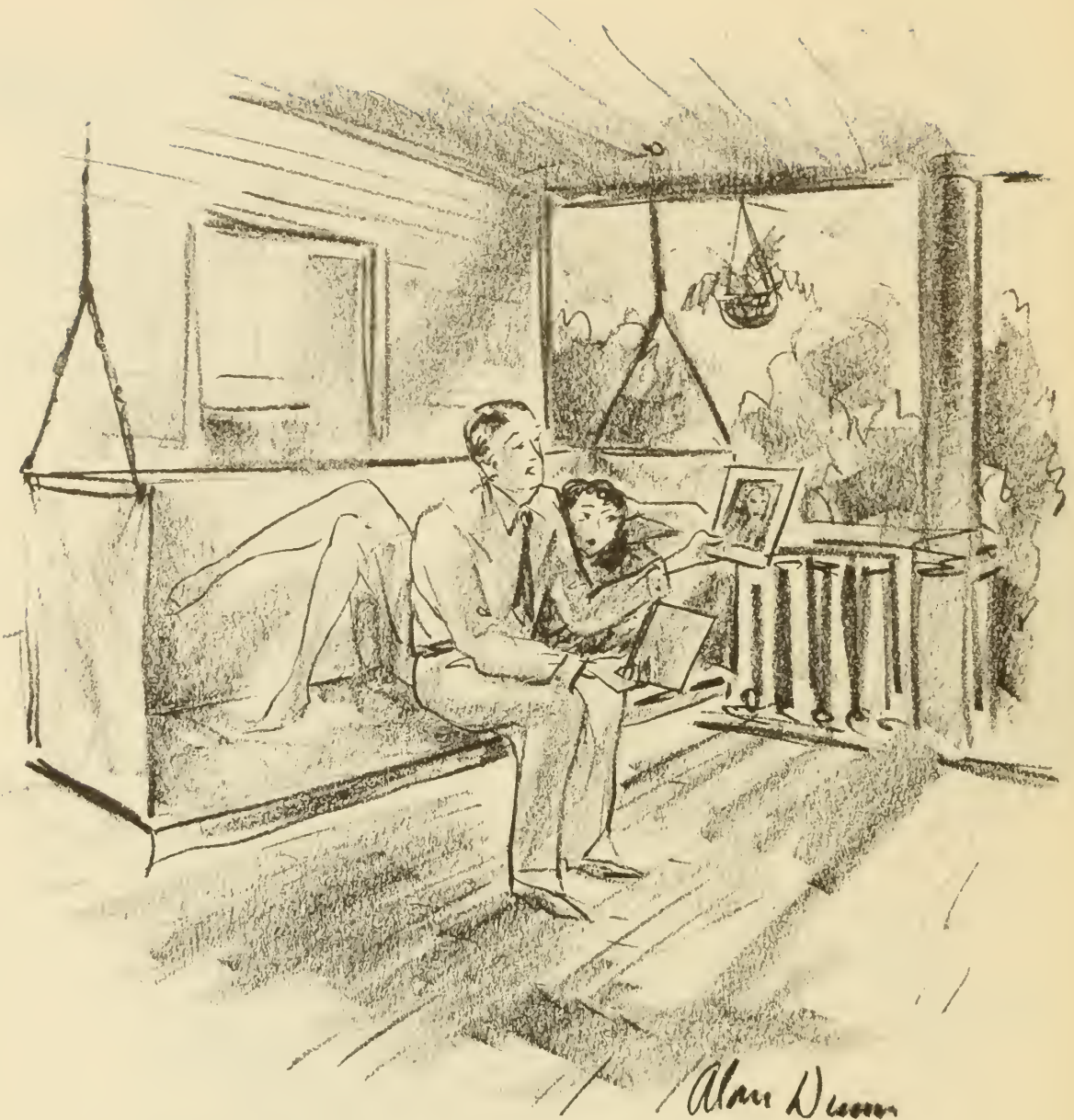
Alan Dunn

"Now what would be nice?"



Alan Turing

"Now you don't want to let Hoover's Message lull you into a false sense of security."



"Combine the girls I know with the boys you know and we ought to lead a fairly interesting life!"

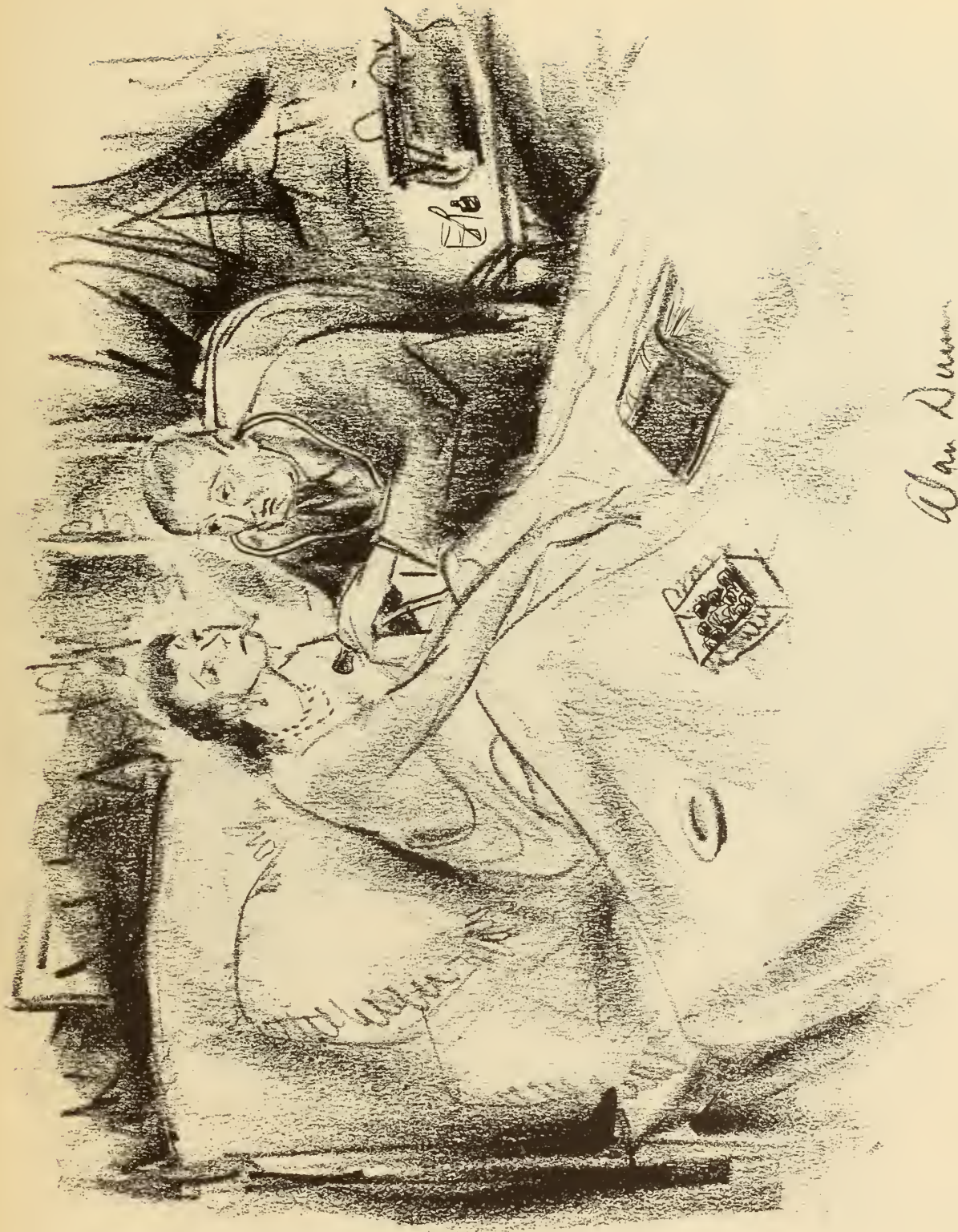


"We can't do a thing with the boy. The Eighteenth Amendment seems to have cheapened his respect for the law."



Alan Dunn

"Oh, come on, stay for dinner! I can lend you some eyelashes!"

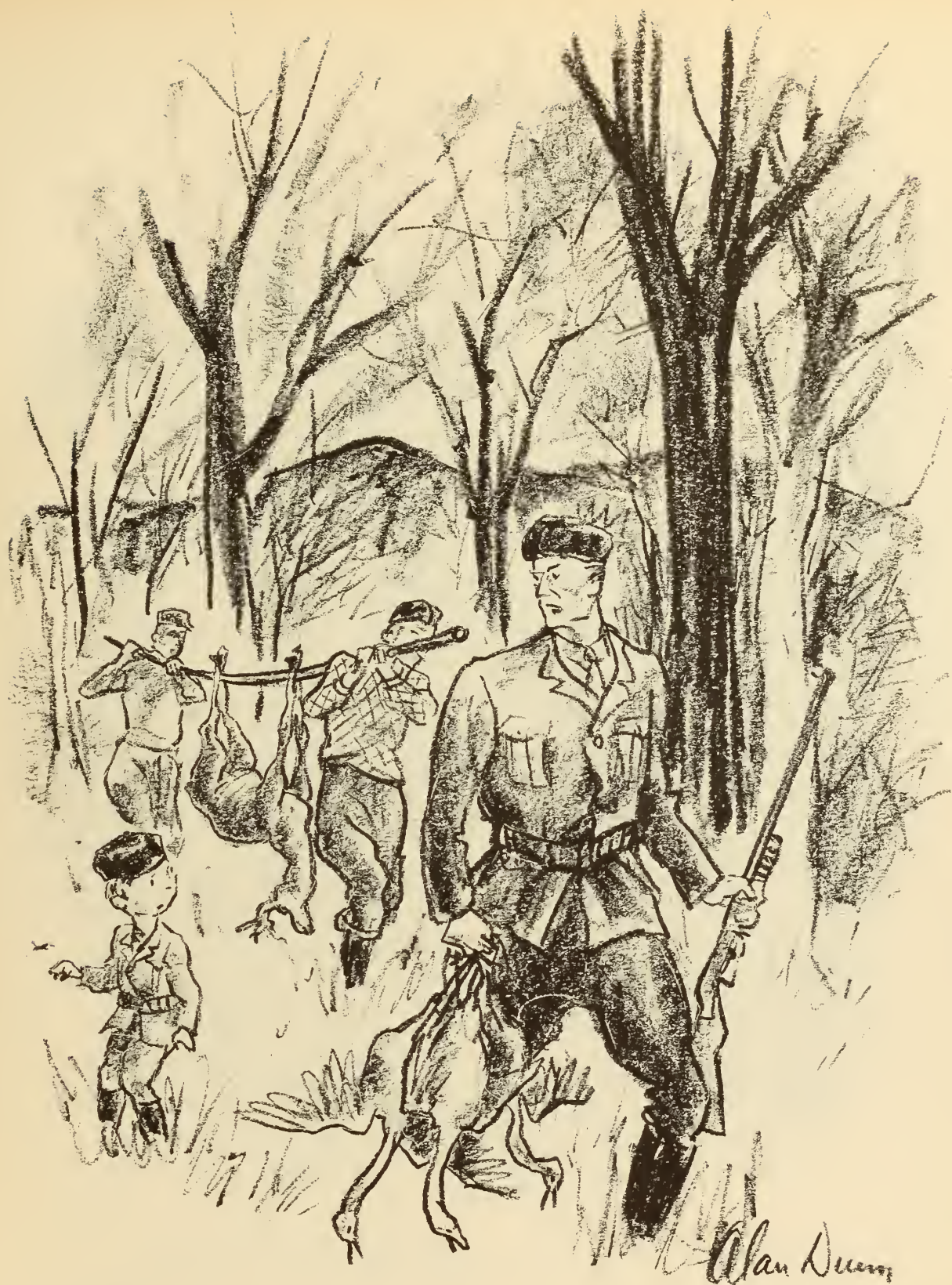


Van Dusen

“Bear in mind the fact that your body is just a machine.”



"Well you don't have to tell the whole chair car, do you? Common sense should tell you that you'll have to wait 'til we're outside Greenwich!"



Alan Dunn

"Mustn't hurt dragon flies, son—dragon flies belong to God!"



Alan Dunn

"What faith shall I announce for you, parson—Radio Corporation of America or just plain Methodist?"

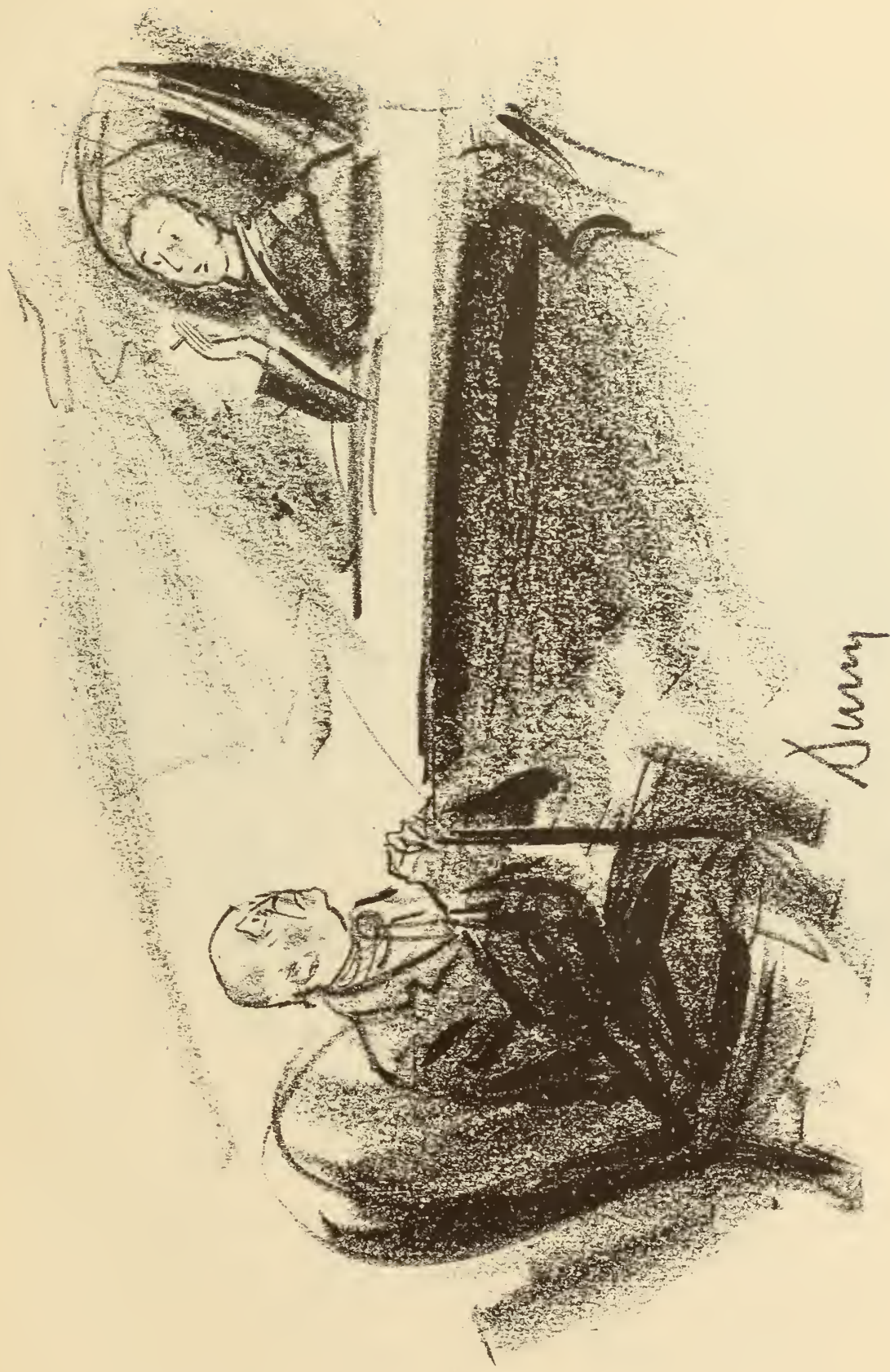


"Now I wonder what I could have eaten at that Father and Son dinner?"



Alan Dunn

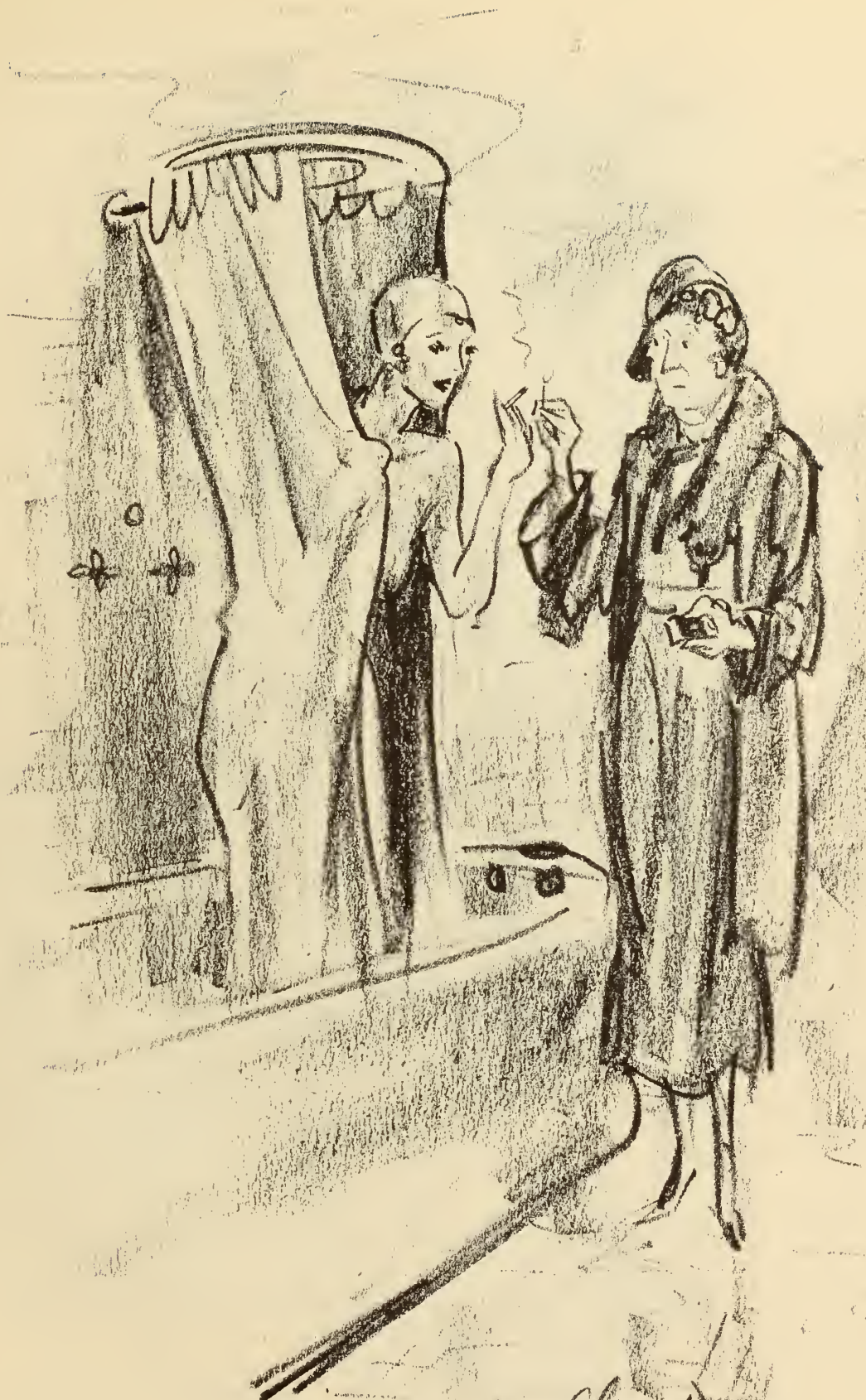
*"Oh, Bruno dearest; we made the most wonderful impression
at the Blair reception! I haven't heard a single complaint!"*



*"Humph; what makes you so darn sure you're the great-grand-
father of the child?"*



"You must live with it, suffer with it, smile with it, and then, Miss Lockett, after a time you will come to know and love the Corporation."



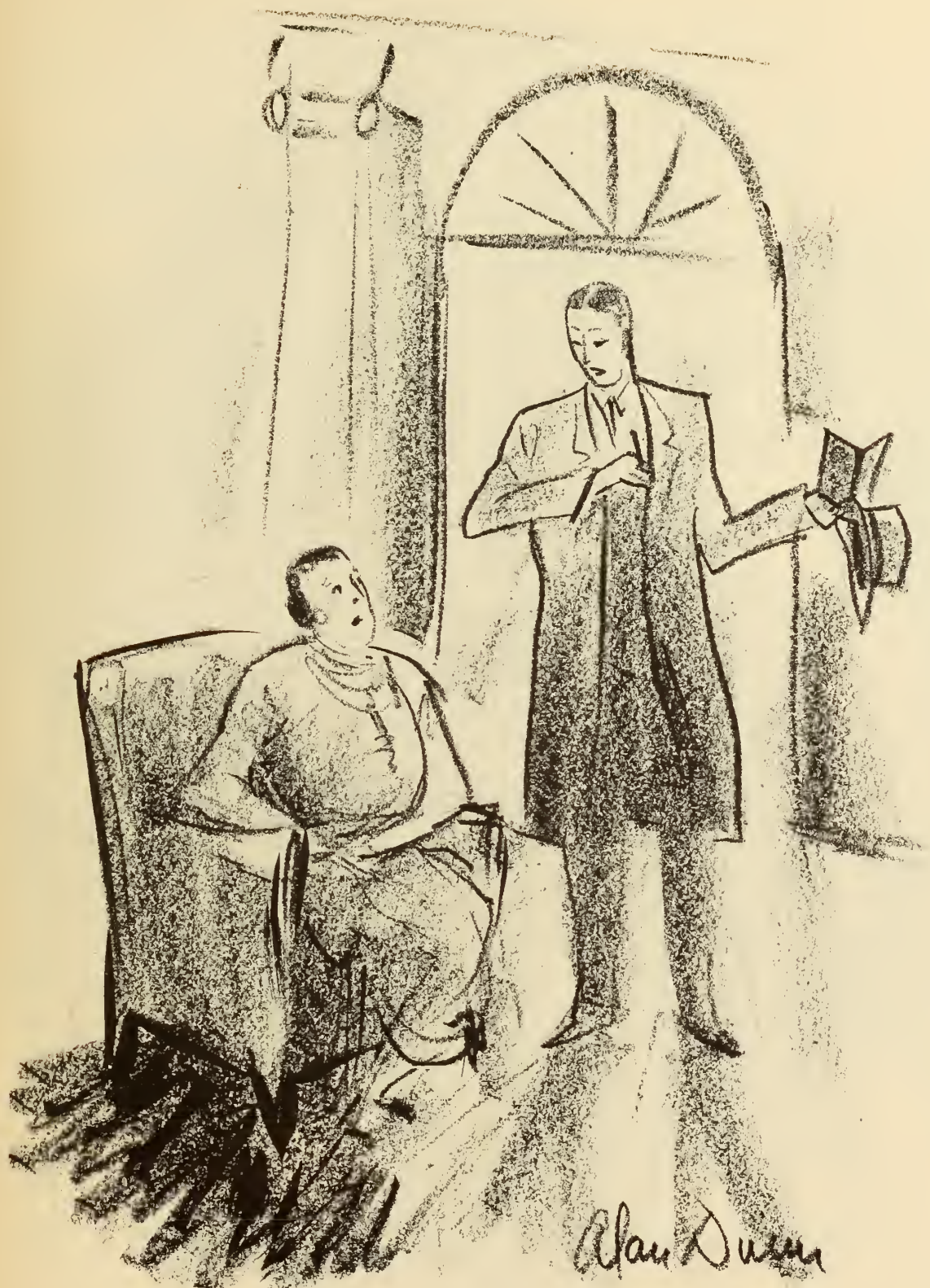
Alan Dunn

"Well, anyway, Aunt, I married him—I thought what's good enough for Eloise is good enough for me."

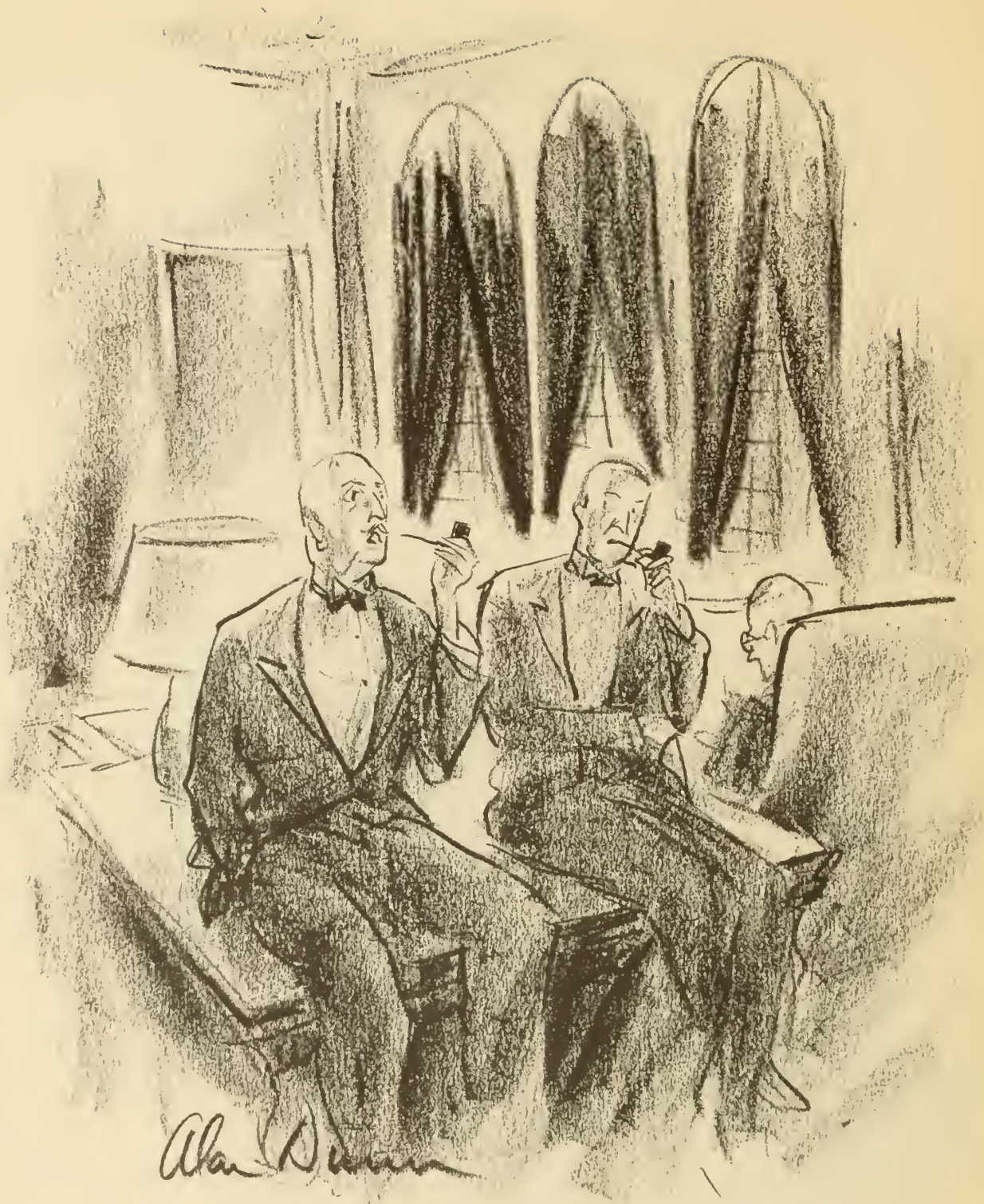


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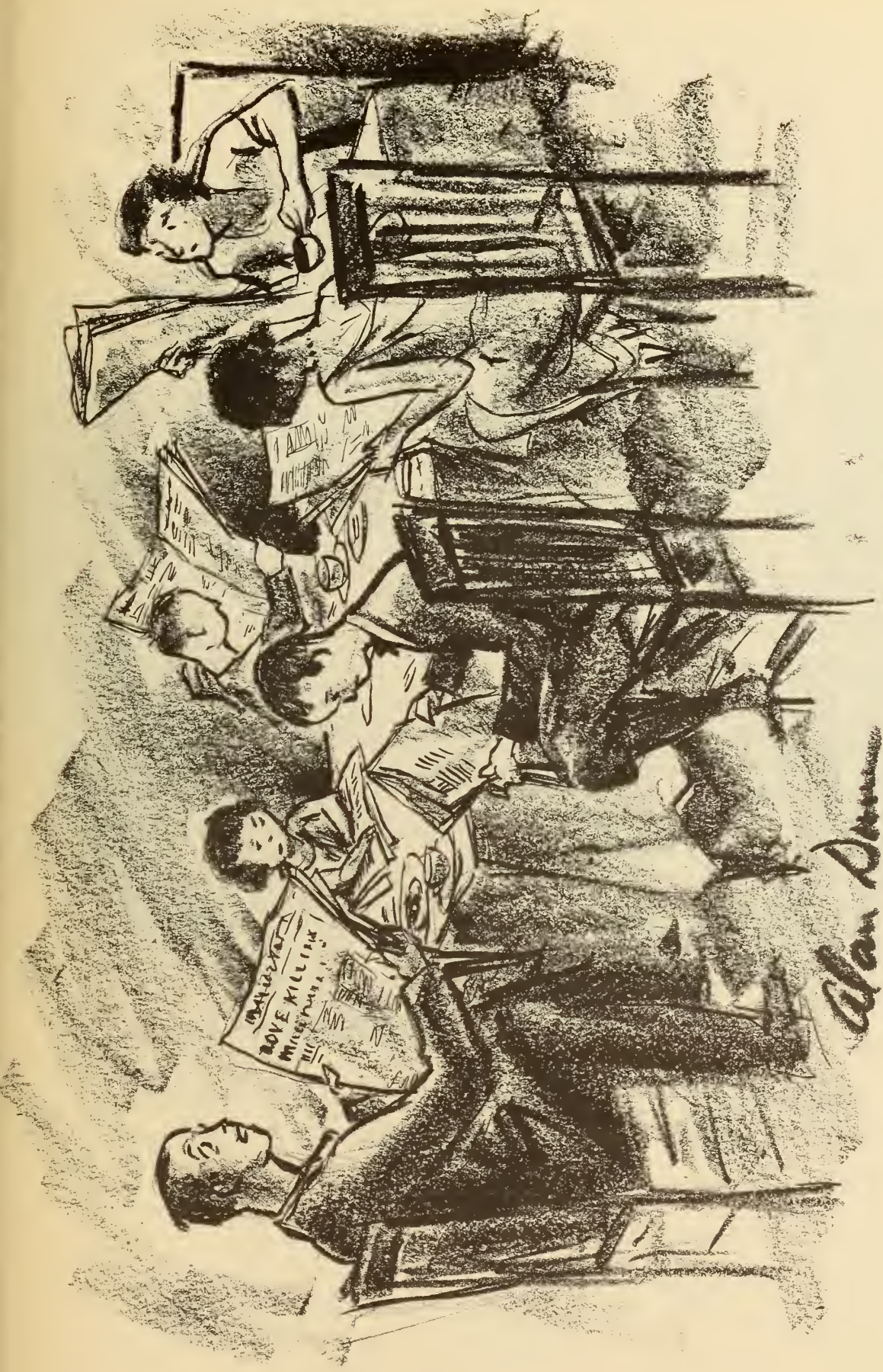
"Do you find it any advantage to keep your maiden name in business?"



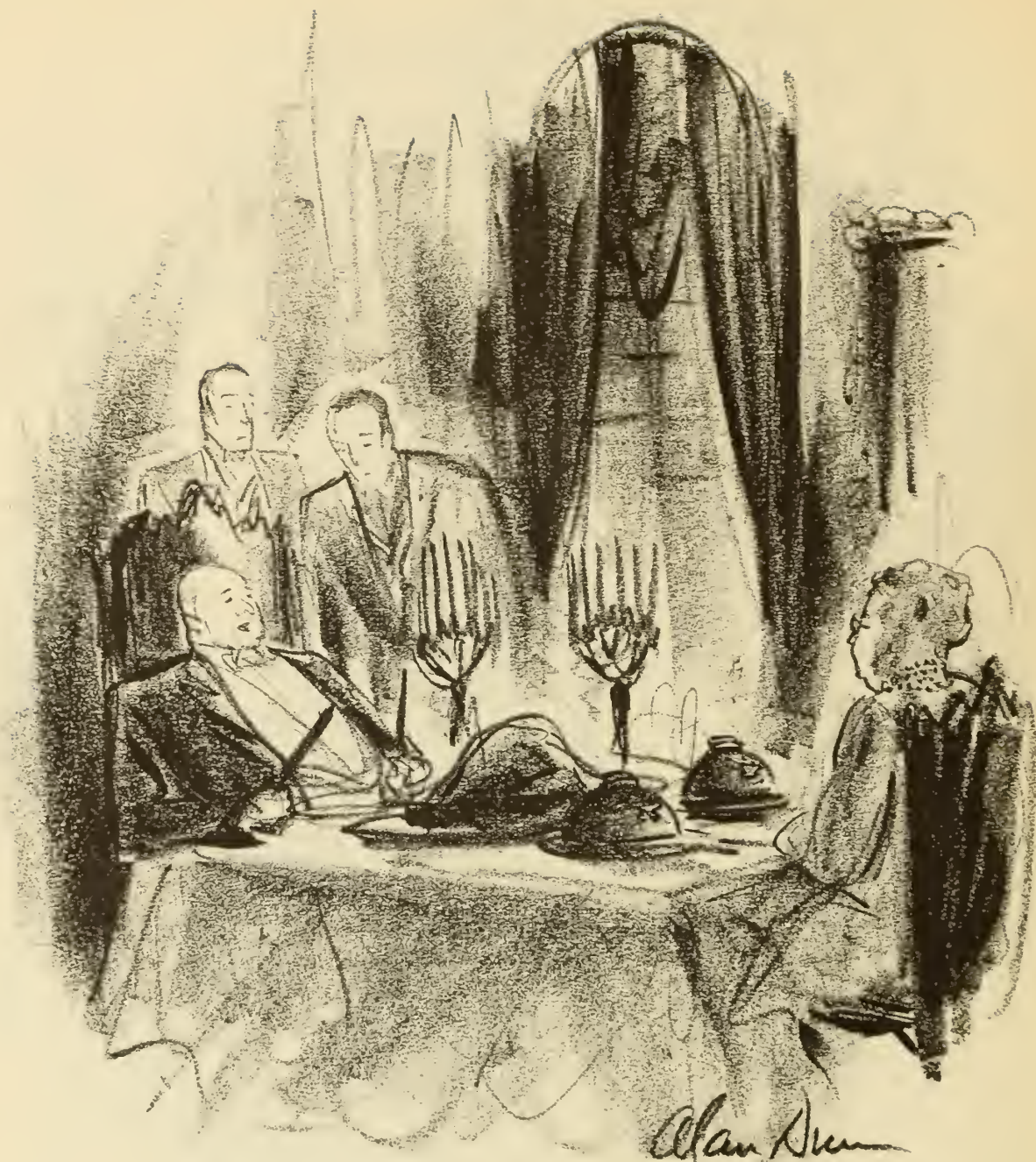
"Madam—you will have very little to regret if you hire an interior decorator."



"We would have been having our divorce now but Elena's all broken out in a rash."



"Who's got the part about the autopsy?"



*"Well, we're at the bottom of the depression now. We ought to
get living again soon."*



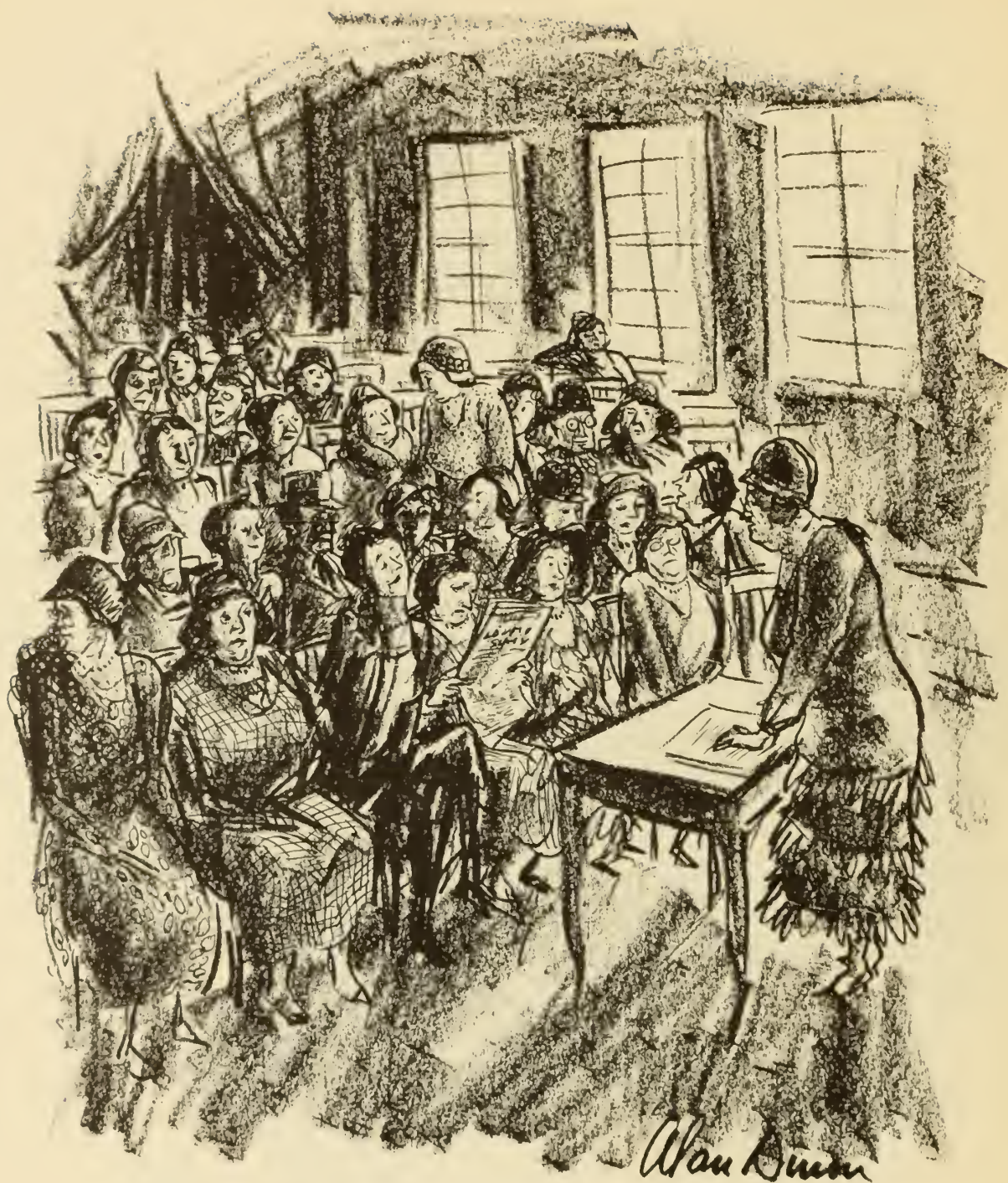
"Better go easy now on Easter—remember what an awful headache I had after All Saints Day?"



"Gad, what an appetite the fresh air gives a man!"



"Oh, I don't object to an affair, Mr. Shoup, only don't, for heaven's sake, get the impression I'm writing a book!"



Alan Bean

"Now first of all we must turn our attention to solving the problem of the misfit."



"Aw, lissen, Eth—don't sing that song—I ain't got no man!"



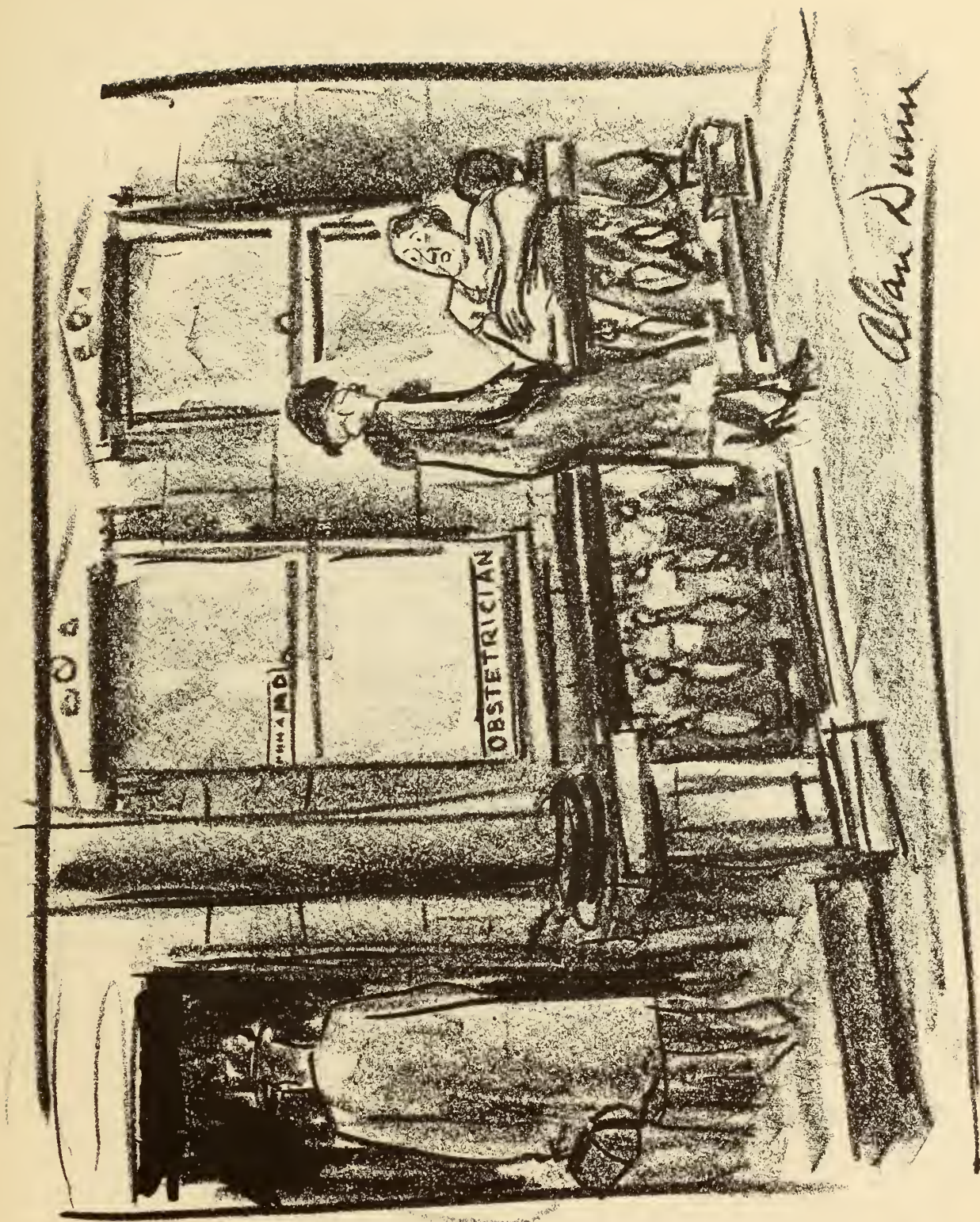
"Dear, dear—At this time of night little girls like you ought to be in bed."



"All we need now is another million."



"Now don't you bother about me, Mr. Sims—I'll keep."



"I tell y' I'm suspicious the way all his patients seem to be women."



"Easy there, Leo—anything might happen with a celluloid collar."

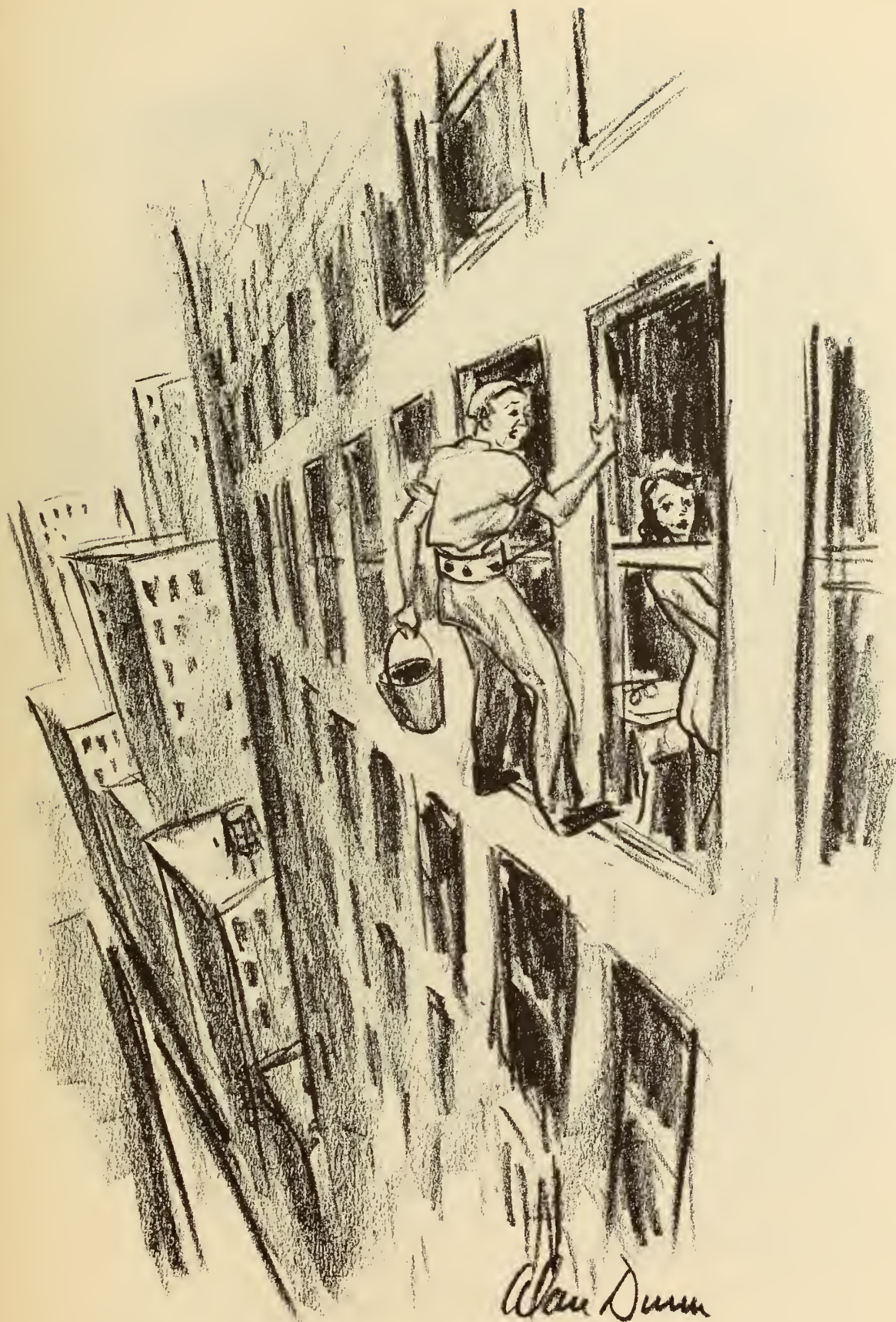


“Oh, Lionel! when I think of all the wonderful progress that has been made from the birth of Jesus to the birth of Junior, here!”

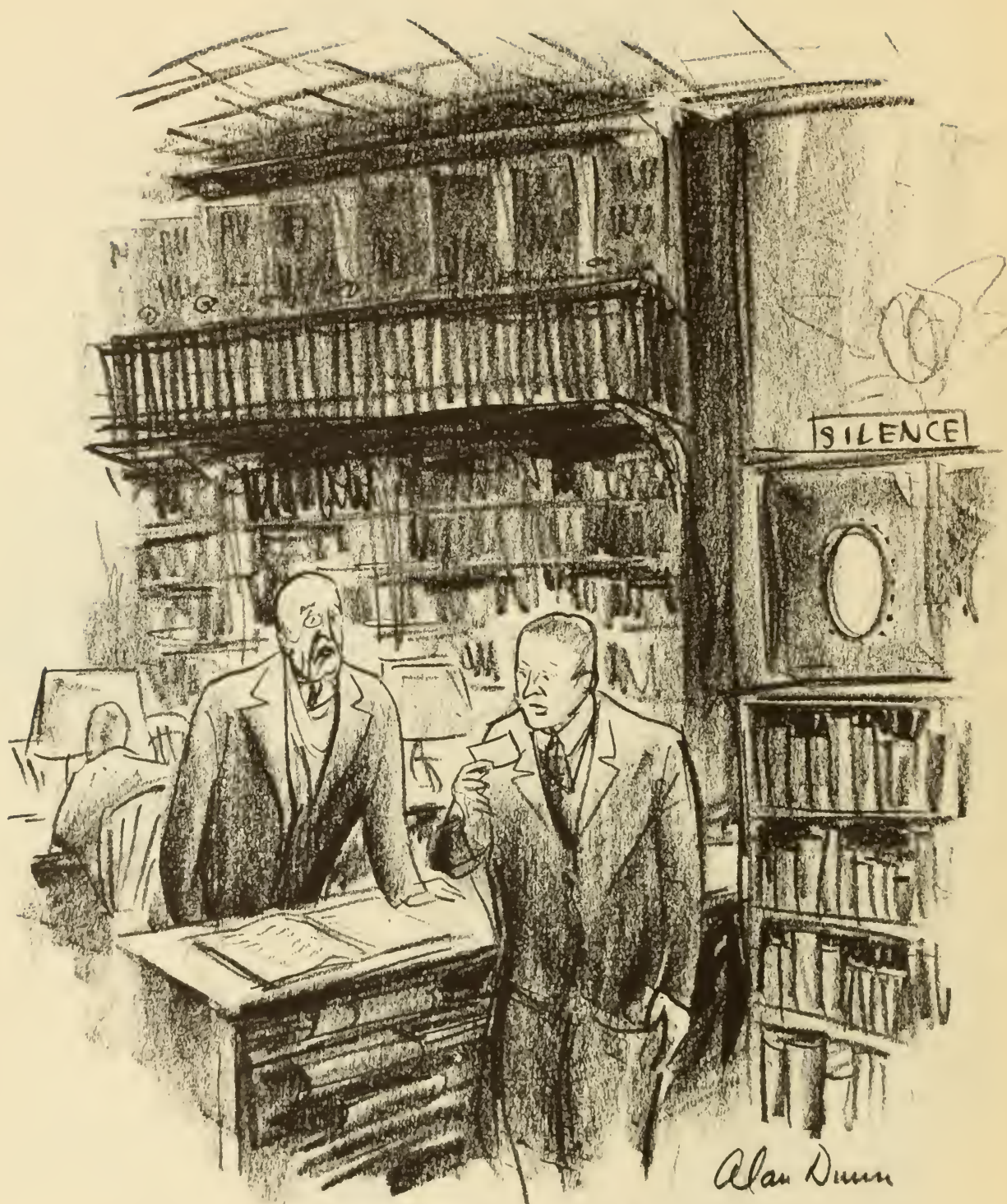


Alan Dunn

*"Well, what with all the luncheons, teas and dinners I'll just
about manage to live through the winter."*



"I thought your face looked familiar. Every time I get lost I start goin' in circles."



Alan Dunn

"I'm sorry, Doctor, but we can't let you have this information about marriage without a permit. You might try the fiction department."



"Lookit! All the Elinor Glyns out!! God, I wish the library would get some books!!!"



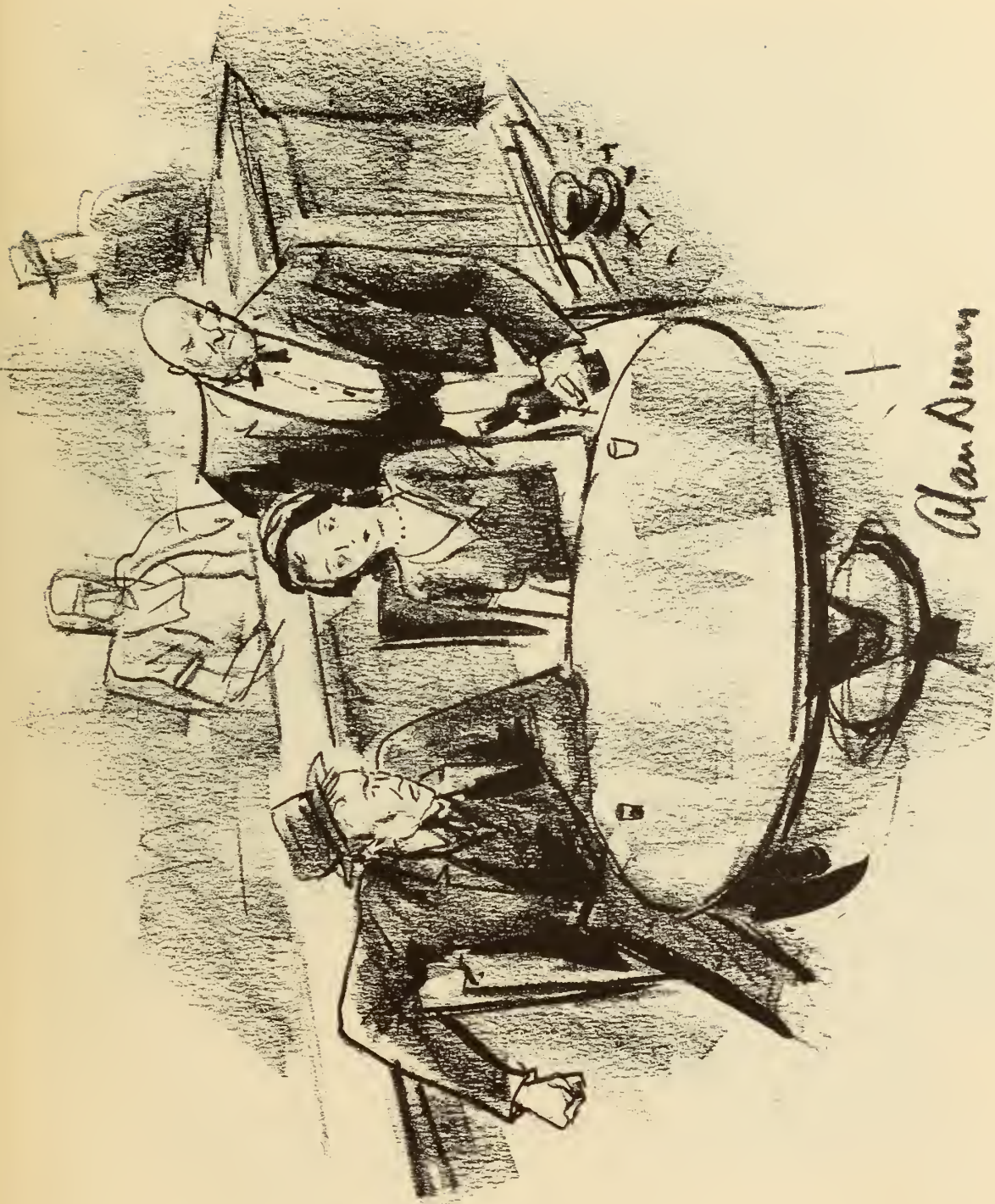
"I wouldn't be too hasty in condemning them, dear—it may merely be his sister."



*“But surely, beloved, you aren’t going to spoil our life together
by asking me to come home evenings?”*



"The store said this is the correct odeur for people of charm and resourcefulness. Of course it wouldn't be fair of me to use it until I get over my boils."



“Well, you don’t need to be so tough. You can always order
beer.”



Alan Dunn

*"I ought to have known more about life before I met Ronald.
However deep down inside me I'm still the same woman."*



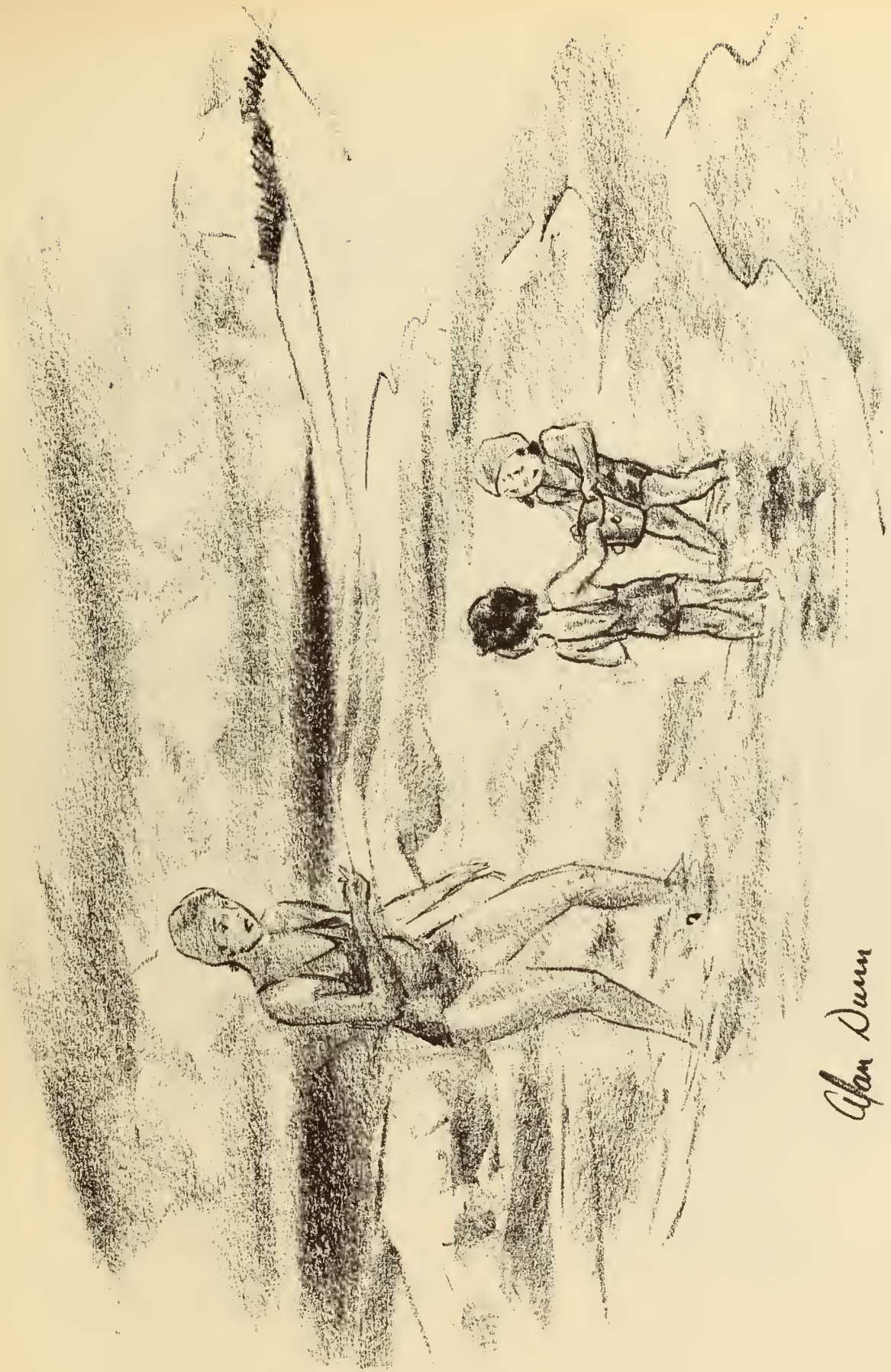
Alan Denny

"Listen, little pal—I may be 'Jerry' to my acquaintances but to my friends I'm 'The Killer'."



Alan Dunn

"It wasn't that anybody complained or anything—I just made up my mind to stay white this season."



Alan Dunn

“Remember, dear, it’s Bernice’s ocean, too!”



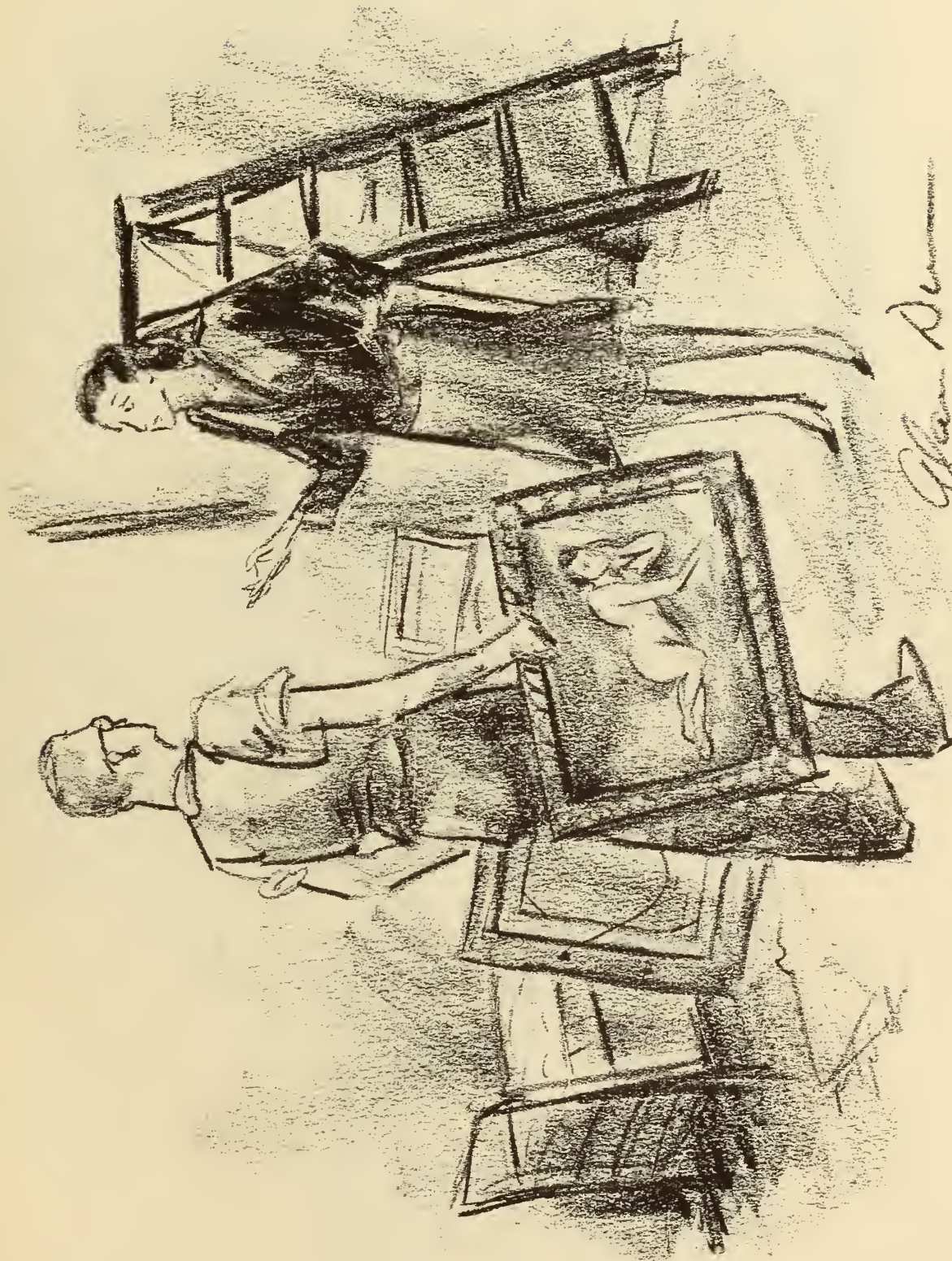
"See here, neighbor, I understand your dachshund is the father of my pups!"



"Oh well, a few kisses now and then but what's that? You're never willing to go the whole hog!"



"Look! It's *Ligustrum acuminatum macrocarpum*, or my name isn't Smith!!"



Alan R.

"Now how about a picture on that wall? It might make the day-bed take on a new meaning."



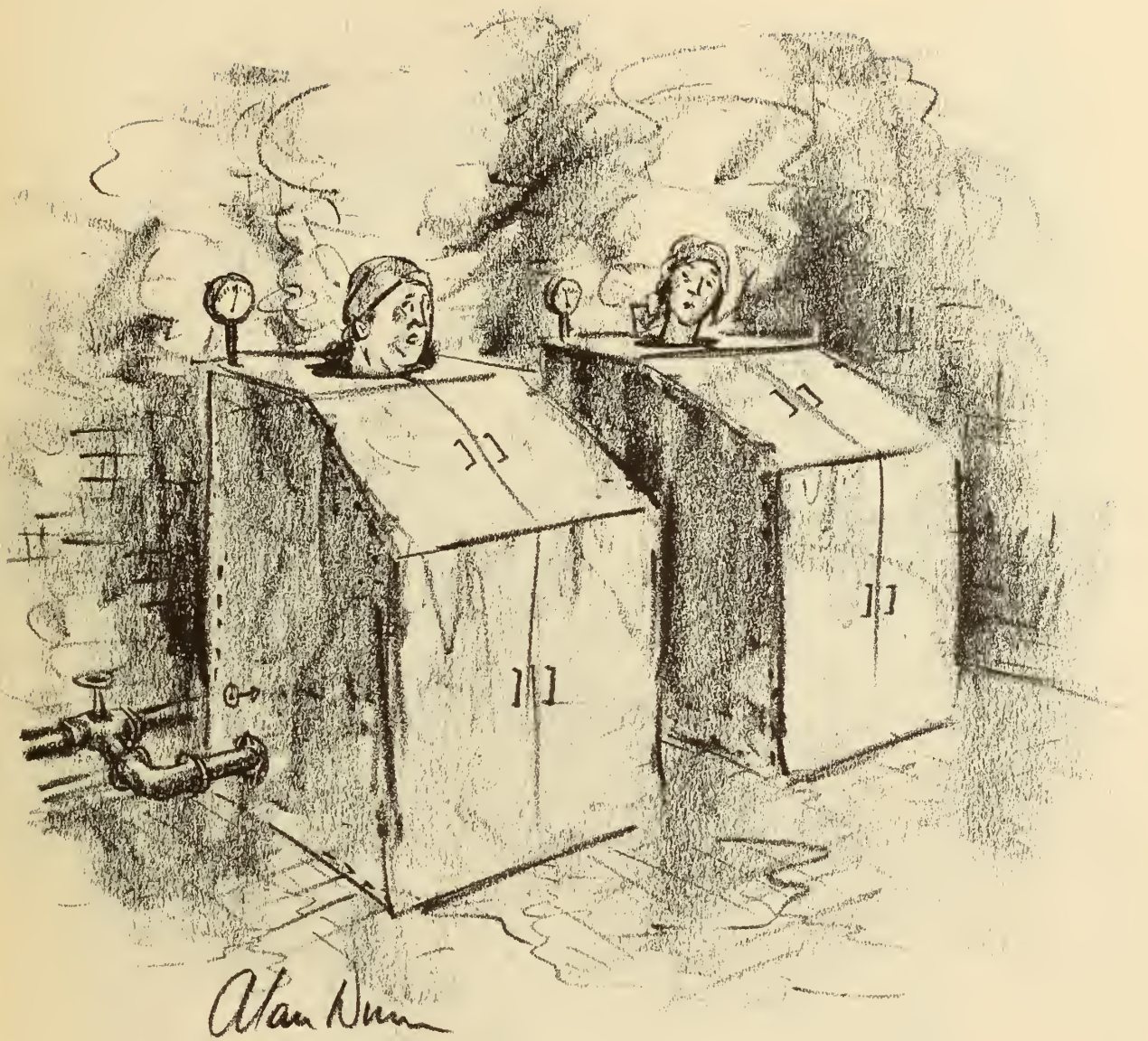


"Claude, dearest, this is Sibyl again—I want you to tell me once more, beloved, those wonderful things you said about me last night at the Palm Gardens."

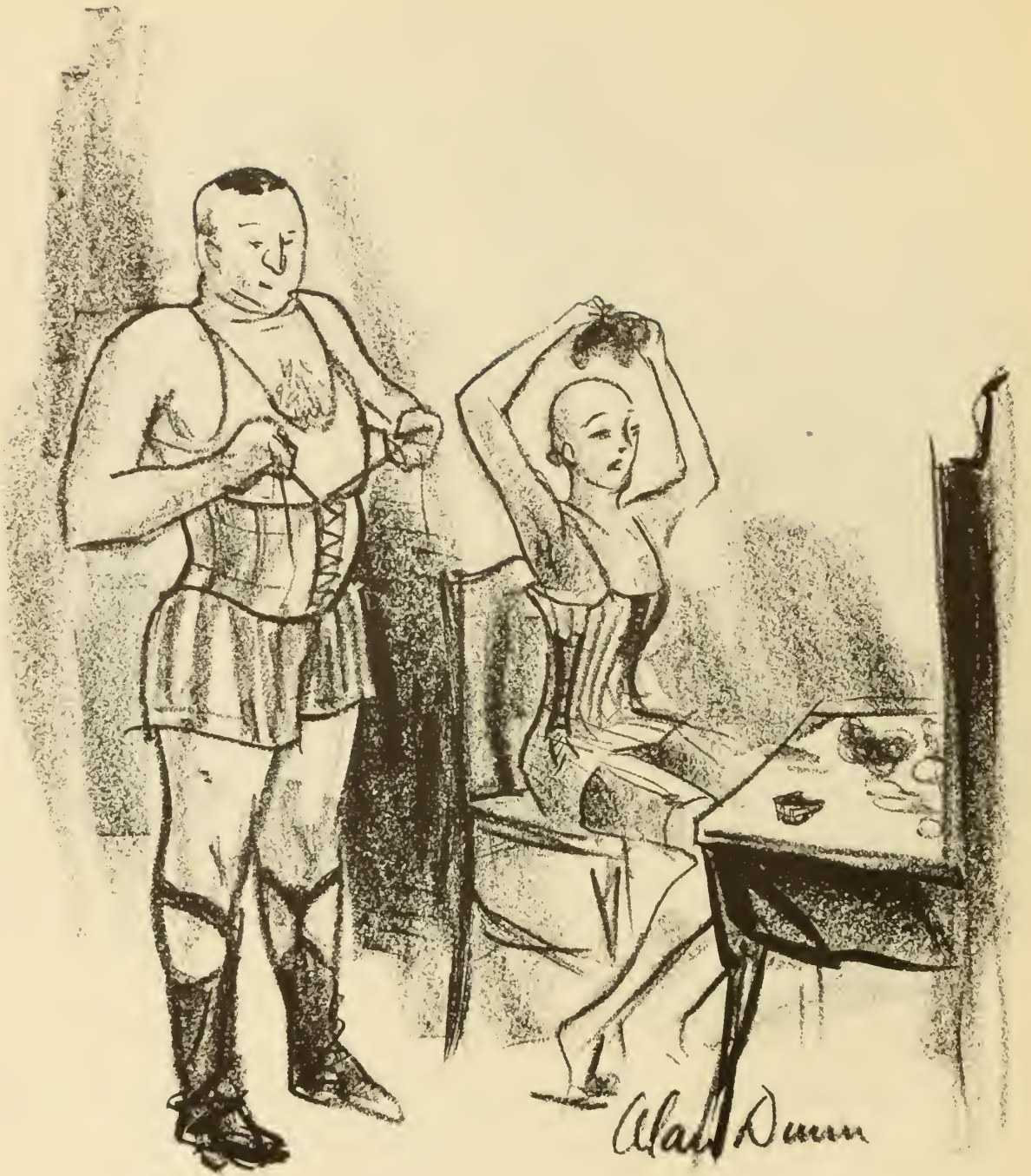


Alan Dunn

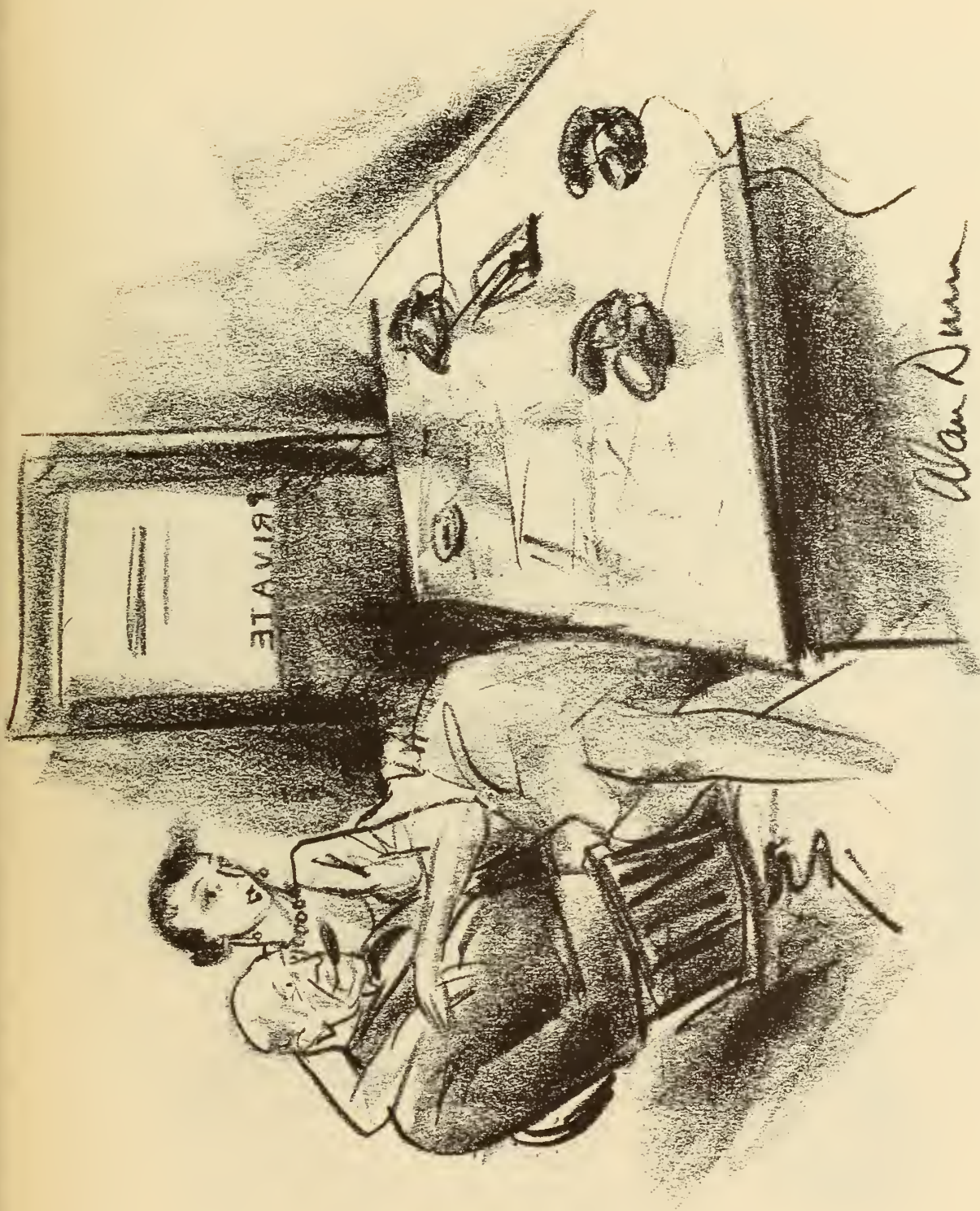
"I'm returning the eggs you sent me. They're—er, well—they're in a family way."



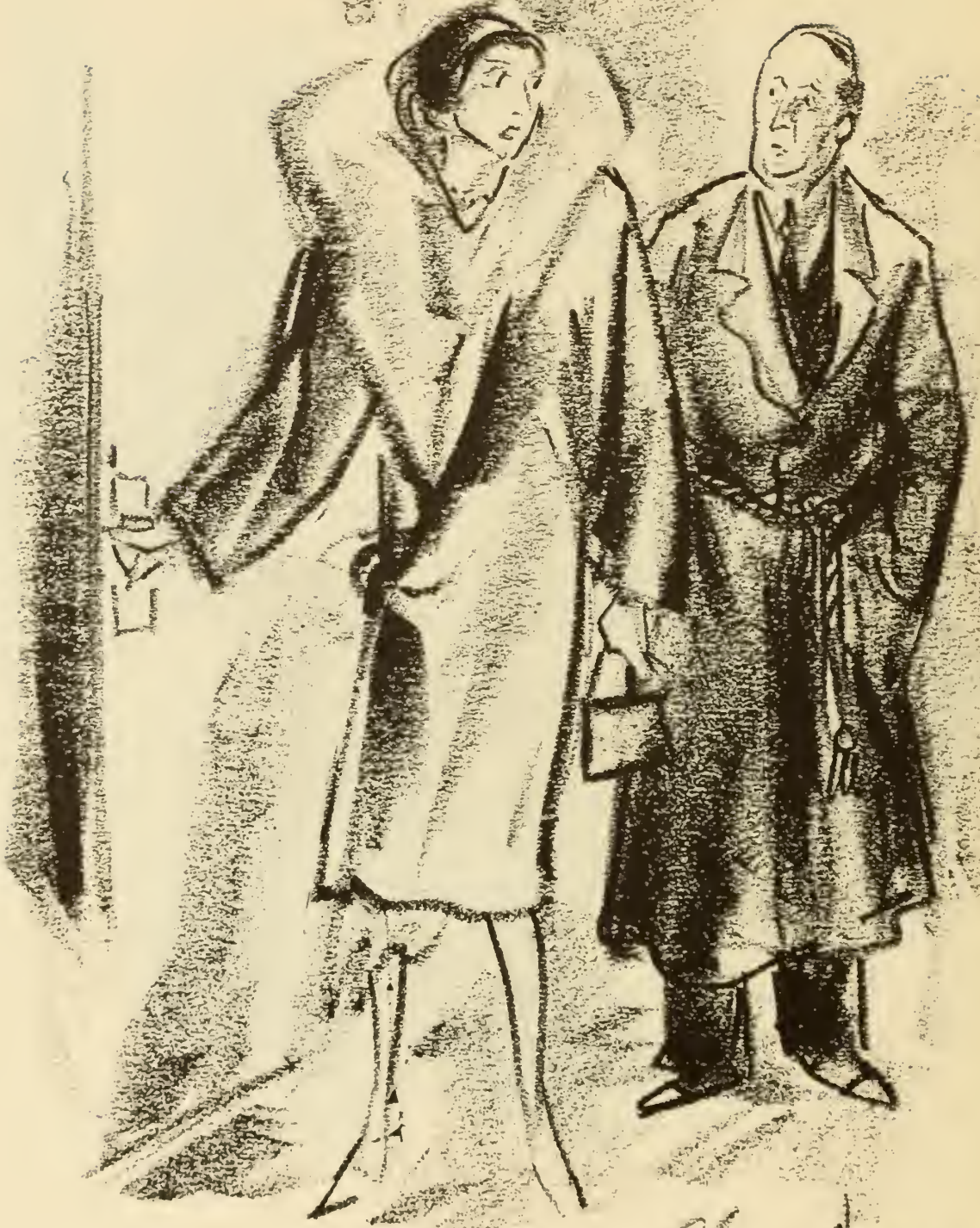
"Oh well, I suppose it's the same old story—for the first few days I'll seem new to Willard but after that he'll get used to me again!"



*"Well, let me tell you, those Smythes we met probably aren't
what we think they are."*

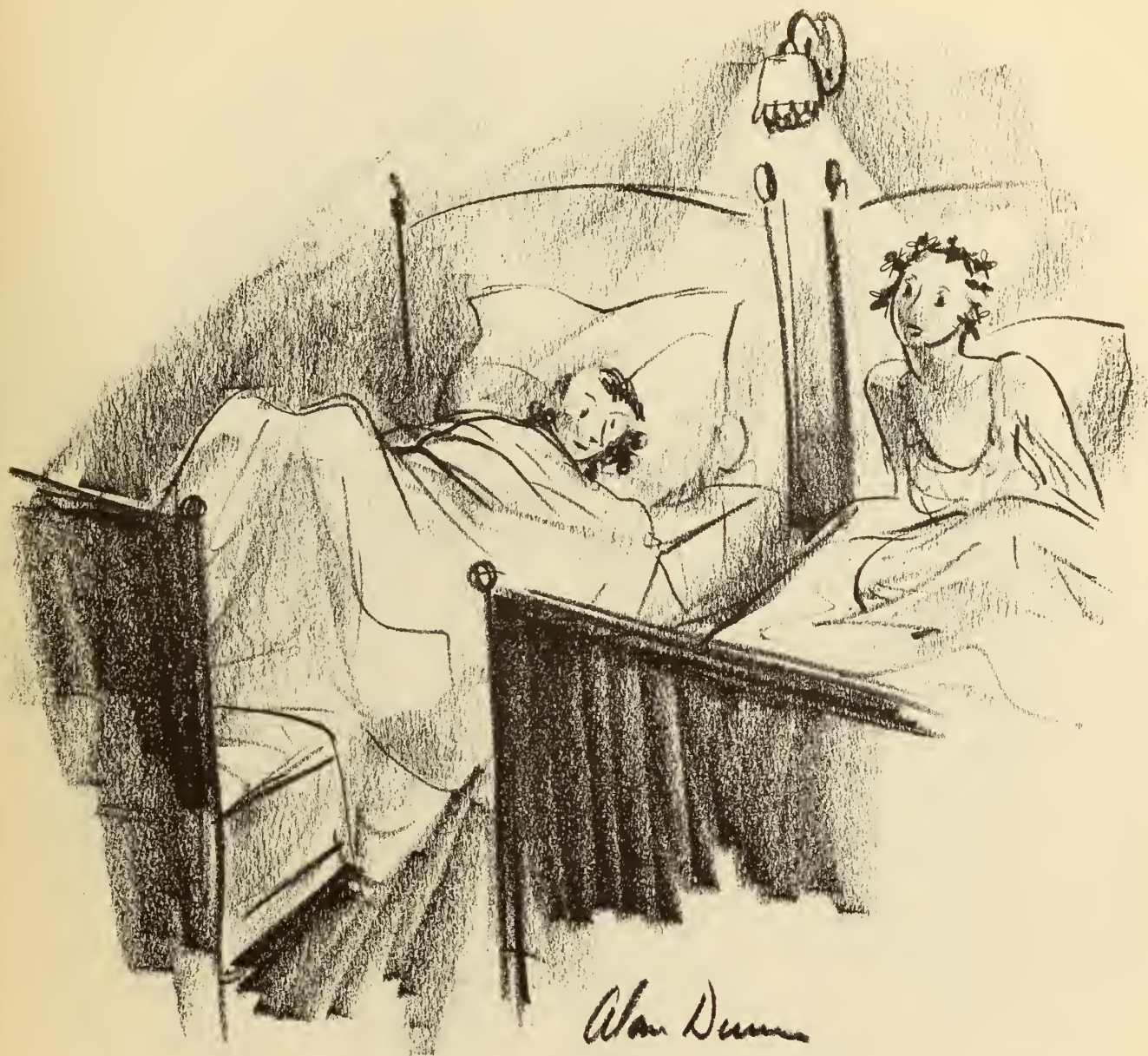


“Well if it hadn’t been for my college education I’d still be a
filing clerk, sir.”

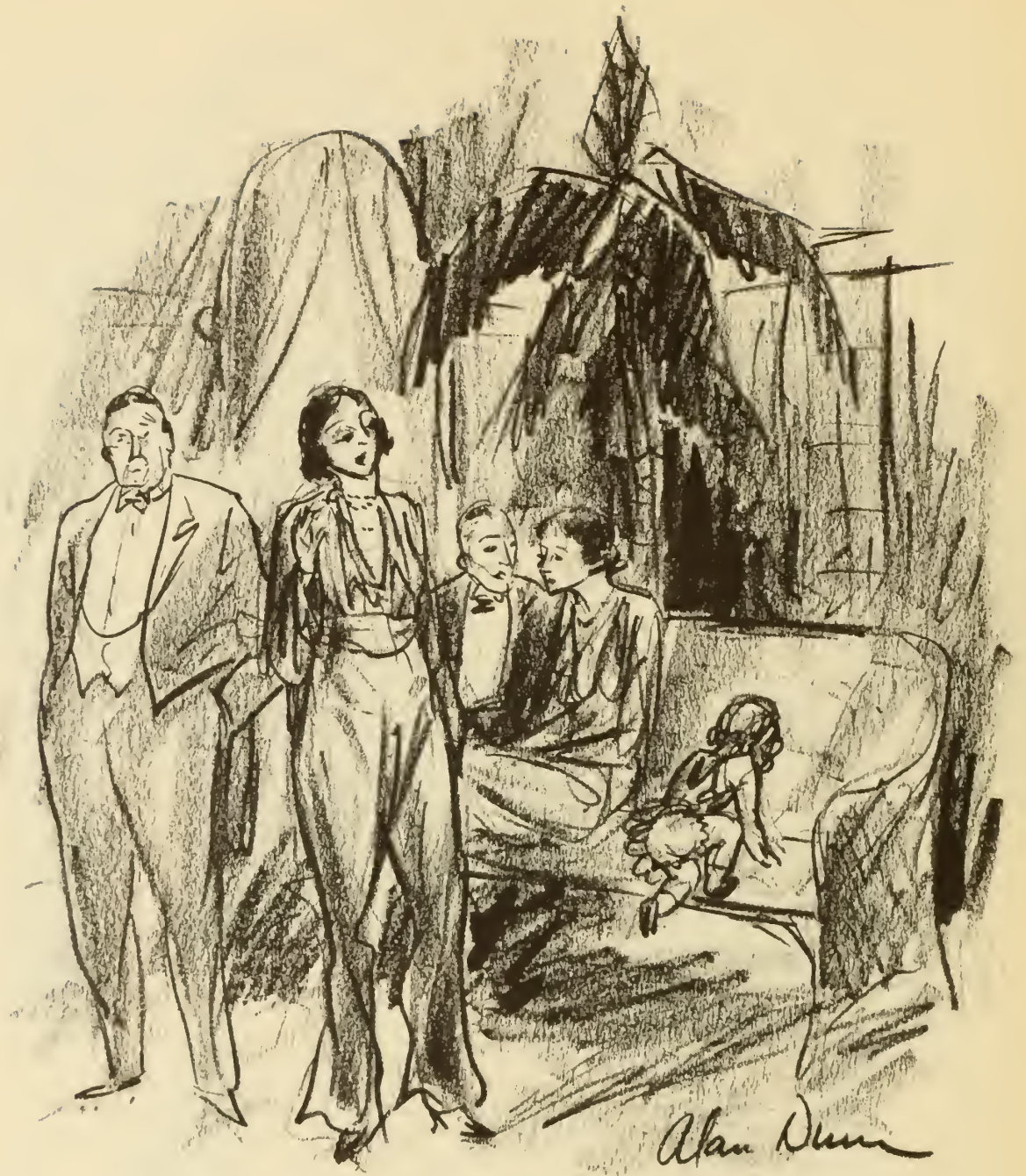


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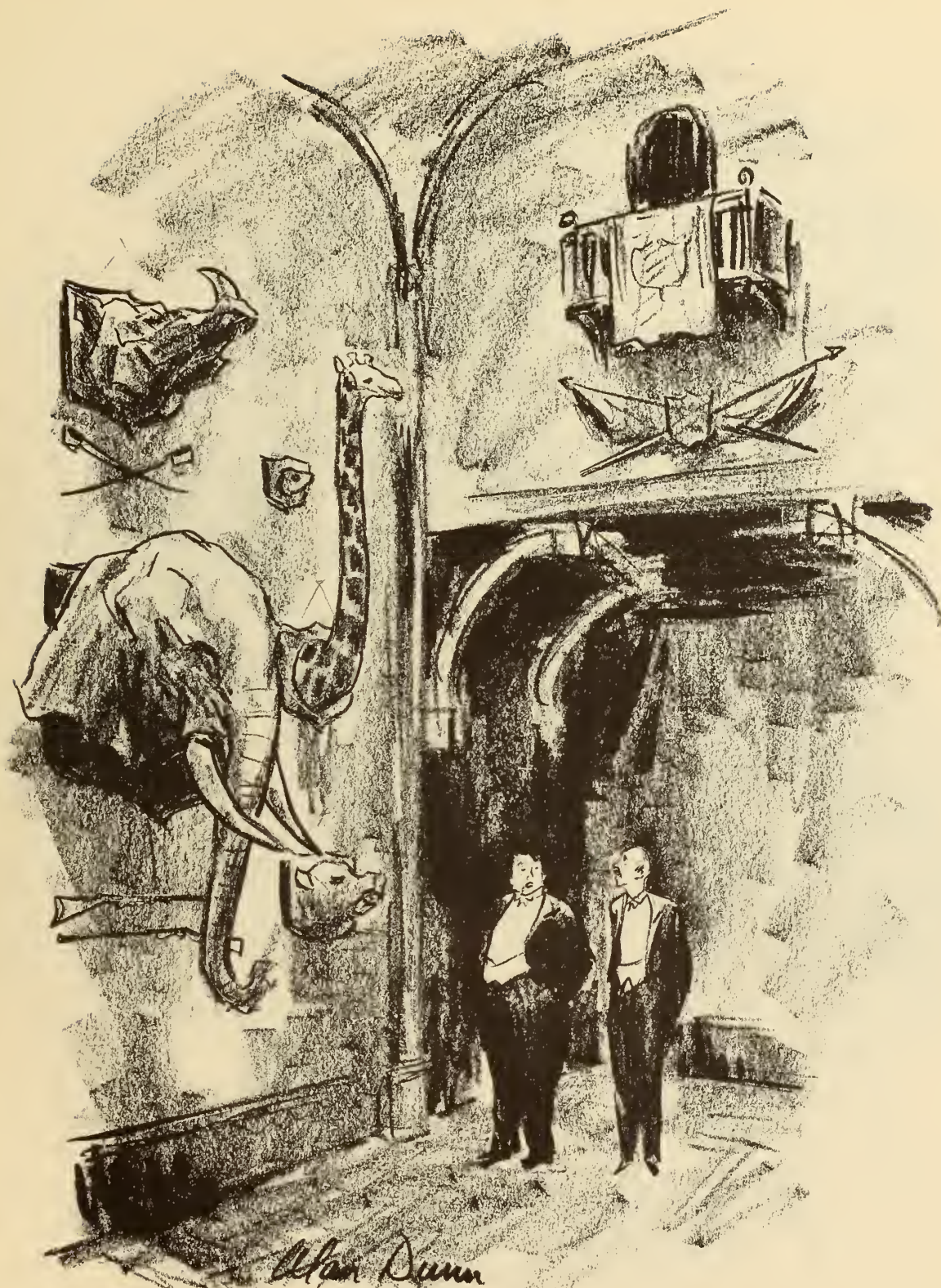
*"I've just had a long conversation with the trust company, dear,
and they wouldn't have another baby just now if they were you—"*



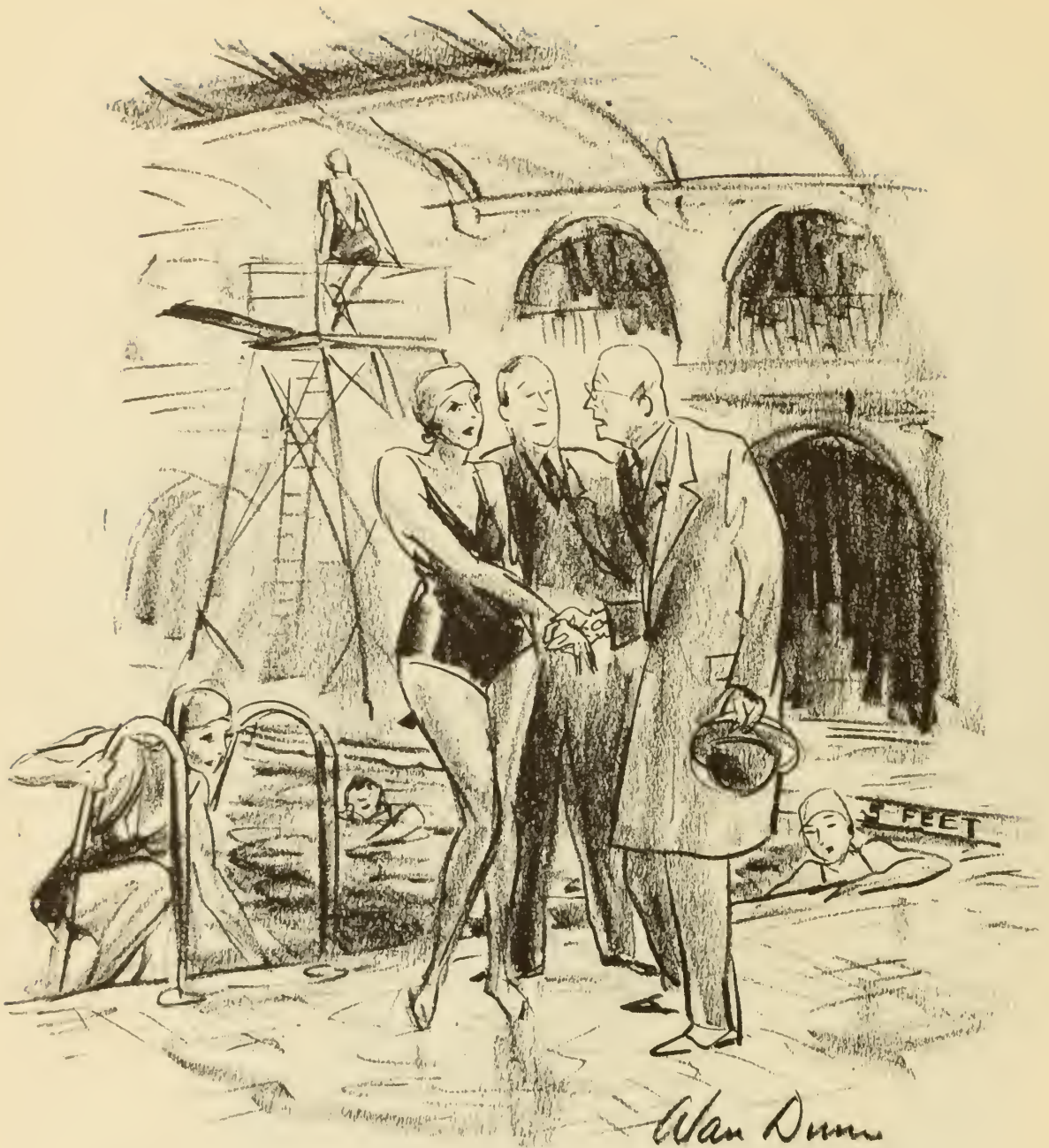
“Well for all practical purposes it’s a waste of time—Christine getting married!”



“——Mustn’t show your pants, darling!”



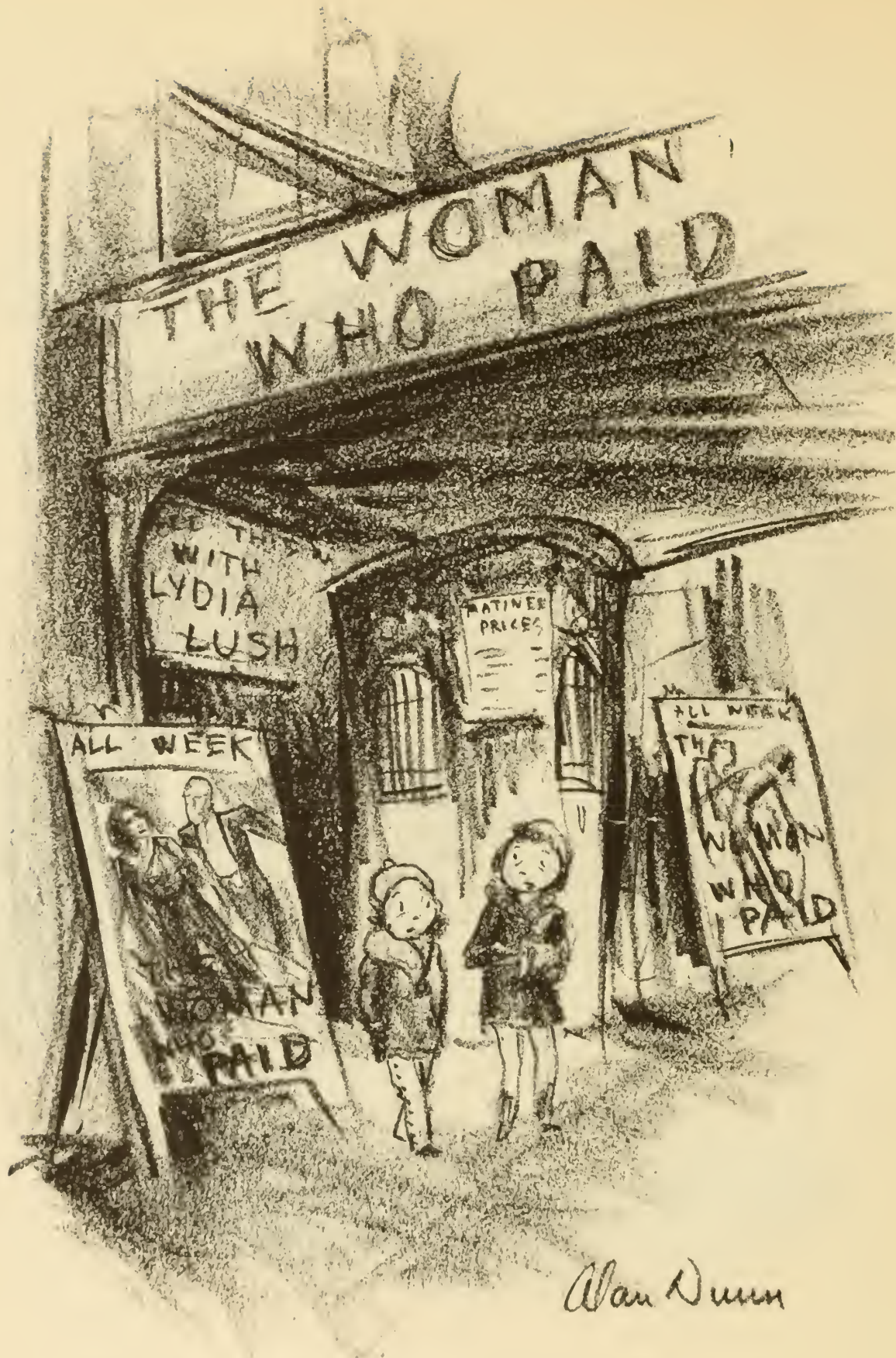
"Of course to make it really 'home' I ought to get me a woman."



*"Charmed to make your acquaintance, Miss Blodgett. You'll
pardon my glove?"*



"Frankly, madam, we have over 10,000 satisfied parents."



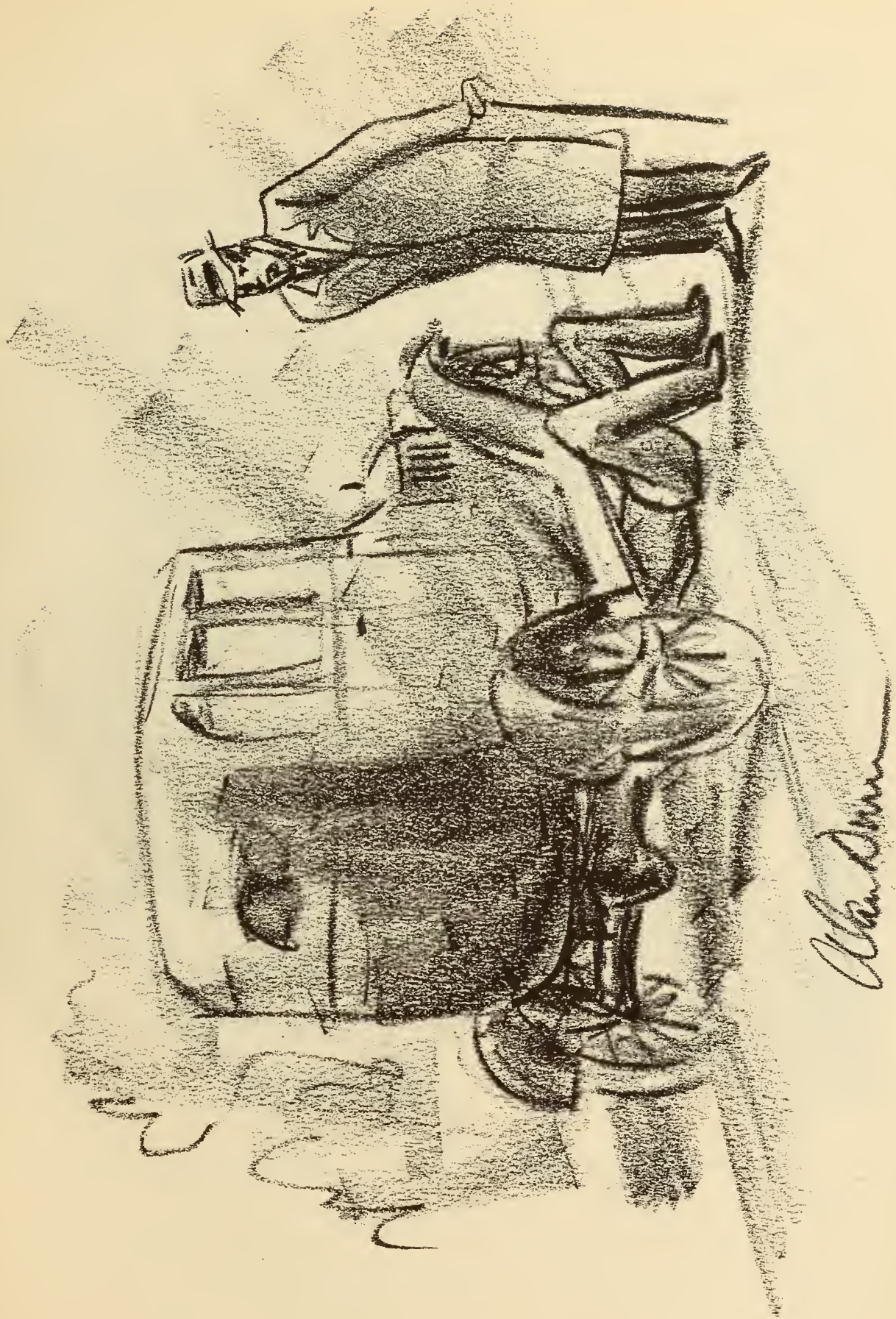
"I'm going to ask mama when I get you home. Maybe you are the price she paid."



"Well, obviously he didn't understand life or he wouldn't have committed suicide!"



*"Of course—why shouldn't I love my husband—but dearest,
I want you never to forget, I'd rather have you for my lawyer."*

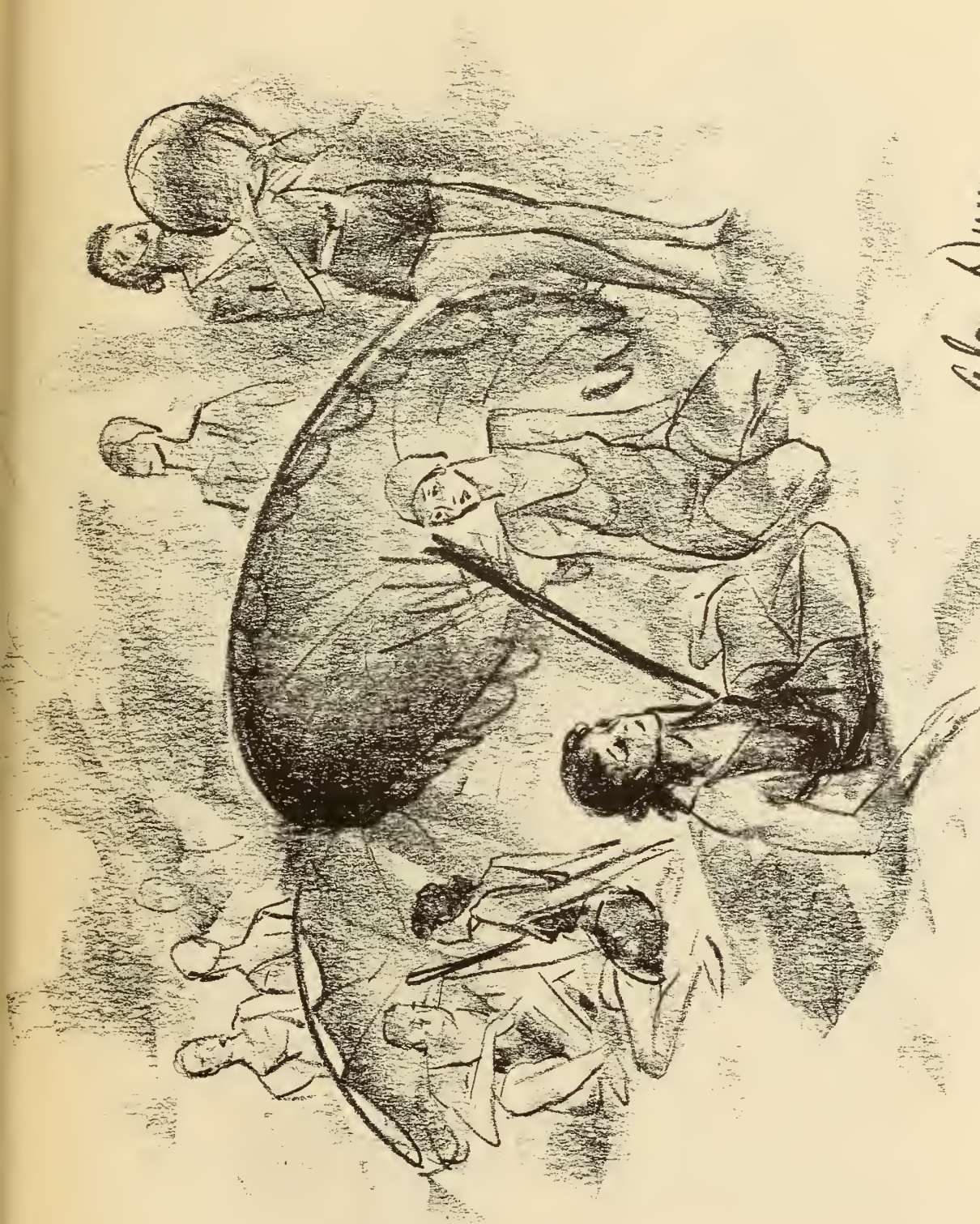


Alan Dunn

“Well, is it a he or a she?”



*"There's no more I can do fer you now, lady. Wait'll yer
over-run."*



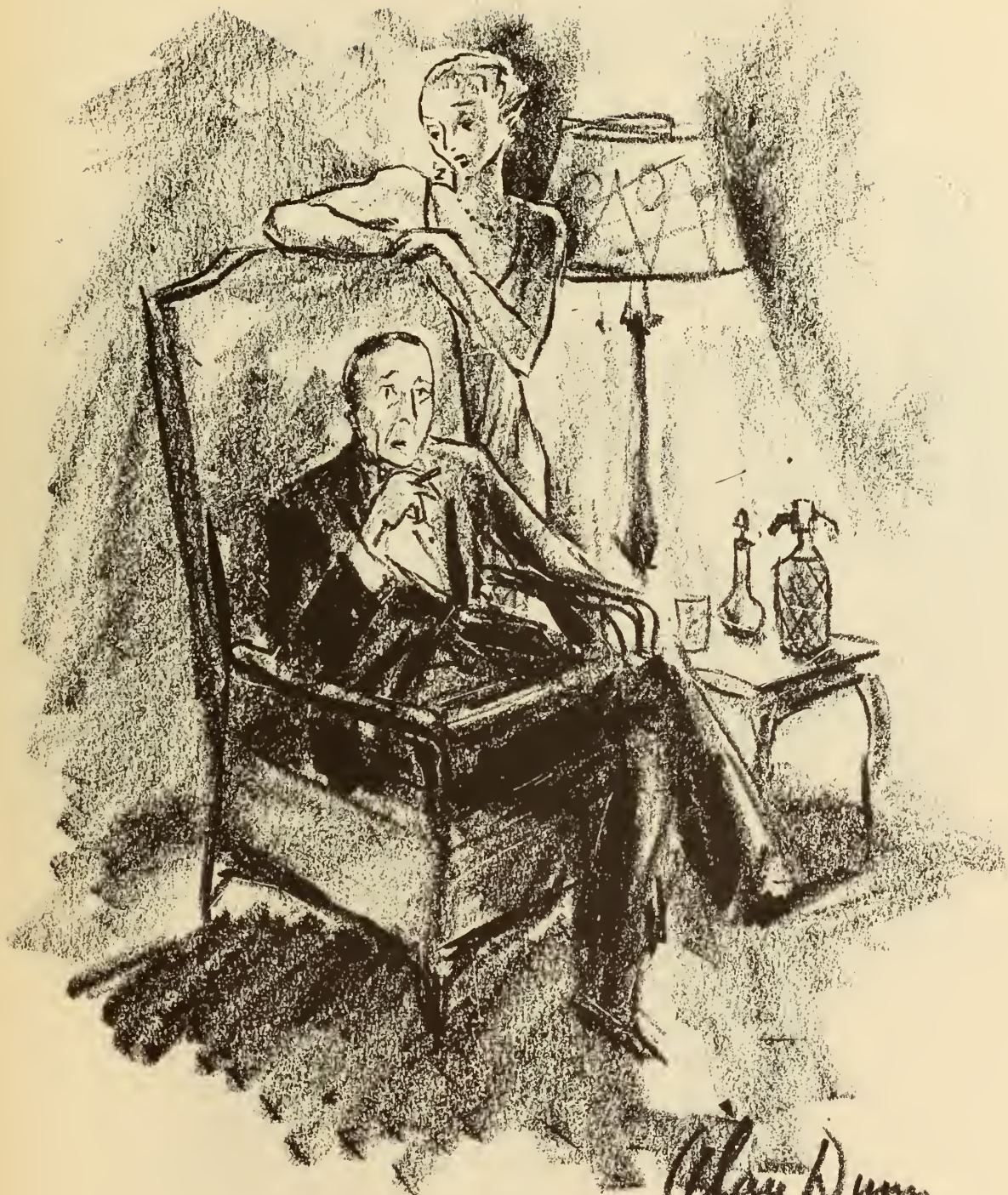
Alan Denny

*“Why, her husband spied on her all the time she was unfaithful!
Really, you know, that isn’t cricket!”*



Alan Dunn

"Why in a few weeks it'll soon be paying for itself, Madam."



Alan Dunn

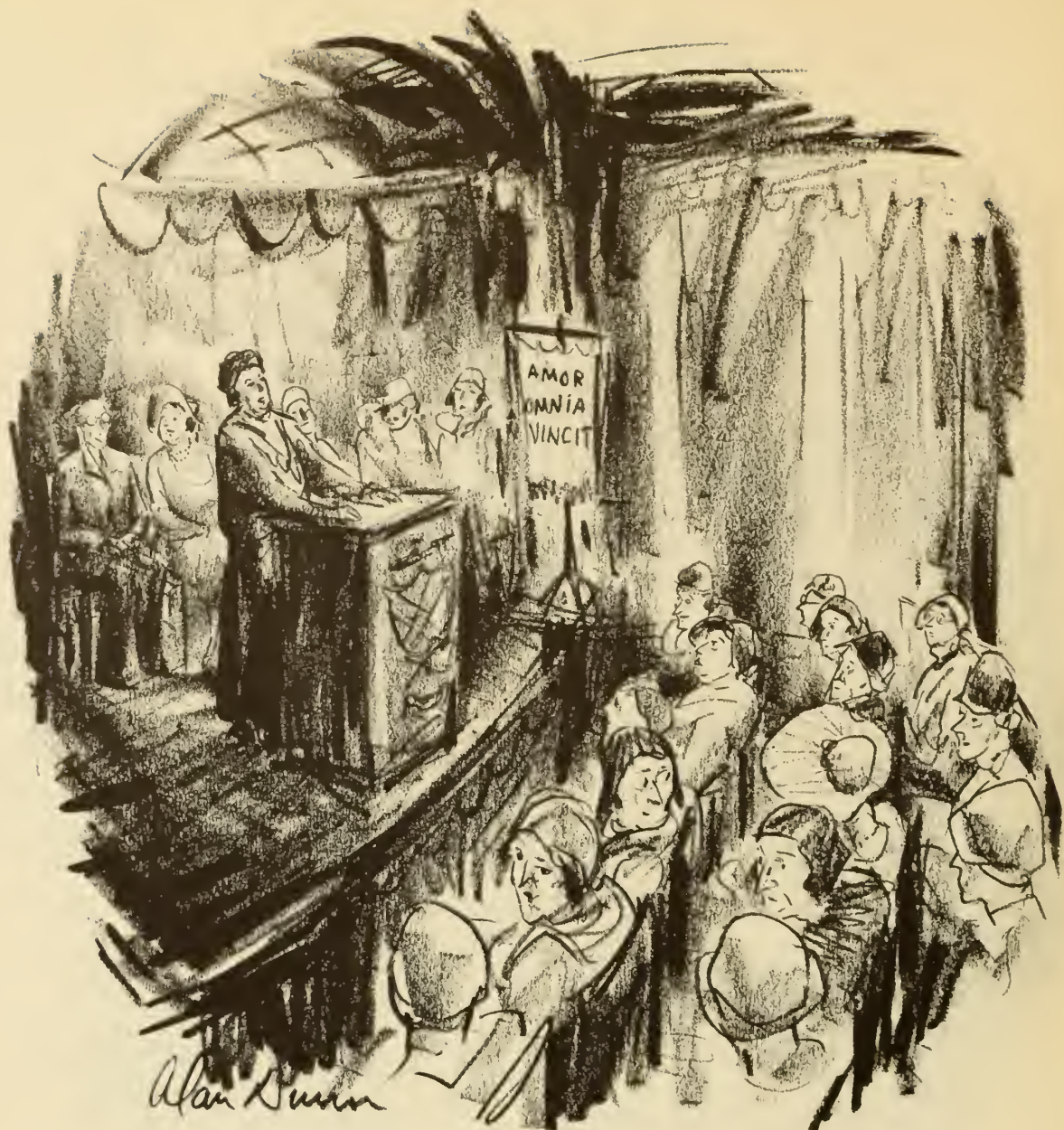
*"Oh—uh—Walter dear—I suppose you've read in the papers
that you're—er—about to become a f-f-father?"*



"You don't need to worry about the authenticity of this XVIIIth Century Virgin—I've had an x-ray made."



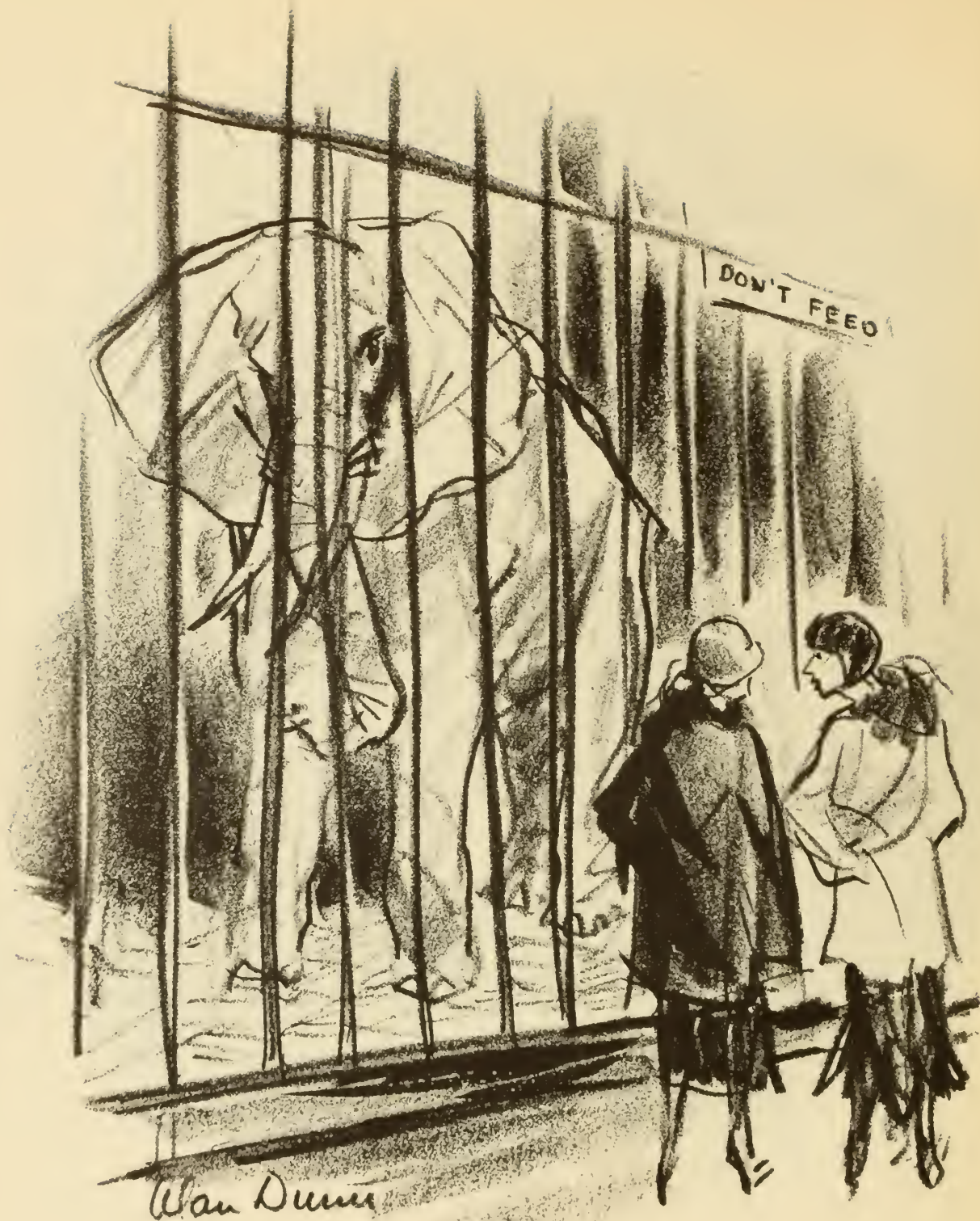
*"Of course the latest is that a child should never be spanked—
but then, look at me—I was spanked."*



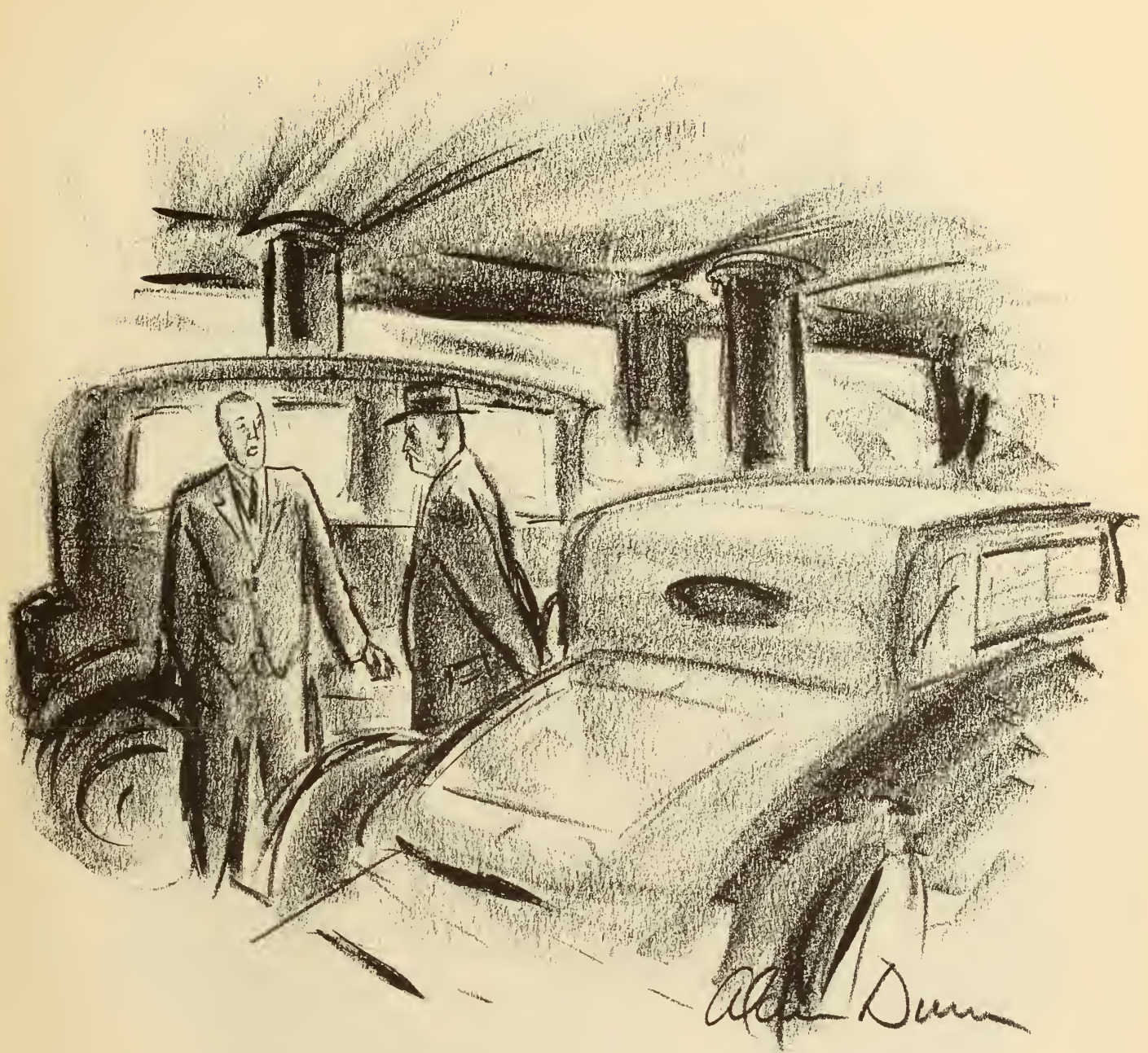
"Then it is moved and seconded that we hold a murder mystery competition for the benefit of the Baby Fund."



"Isn't it funny how time flies when you're actually doing something?"



"Oh, men get monotonous after awhile."



*"And allow me to draw your attention to Chrysler symmetry,
sir—straight from Parthenon to you!"*



"He doesn't walk like a tenor—more like a bass."



*"Say, I used to be the meekest, purest girl on the block—before
I knew about the flowers!"*



"Just for that you don't get any kiss!"



“Don’t be impatient, child—Mother will find you a bank.”




"Of course he's the father! Wouldn't you think he'd be man enough to enter a monastery?"



*"Very well, then, be an old maid—but don't forget I gave you
your chance to become a bachelor girl!"*



"Of course I believe in immorality beyond the grave, but then, again, y' can't count on it."

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